

BIRTHDAY REMINISCENCE OF TRIBUNE'S WAR ON PUBLIC SERVICE SPOILSMEN

What Publicity has Accomplished for the Citizens of La Crosse in the Last 365 Days

MISREPRESENTATION AND GRAFT IN THE LIMELIGHT

Everybody knows more or less of the circumstances that led up to the starting of The Tribune. It is an old story, but it is so interesting in its details, so instructive as a character sketch of certain gentlemen whom we have with us to watch, so full of lighting action, keen rascality opposed by sturdy honesty, so filled with escapades the daring effrontery of which challenges admiration, that we believe it will be read again with pleasure.

In the beginning Roland B. Gellatt came here from Louisville, Ky., and bought the Daily Press from Walter S. Luce; at the same time Col. Charles K. Lush came from Milwaukee and bought The Chronicle from Ellis B. Usher and gentlemen associated with him in its publication. The Republican and Leader was then published by Rufus Finch.

Mr. Gellatt was fresh from the management of the Louisville Commercial, a new paper that went to the wall under his management. This failure was not greatly to his discredit, however, as he had started and managed a number of metropolitan dailies with success, and he was acknowledged to be a man of ability, although keen to a fault and liable to overreach himself. He at once made a readable paper of the "sloppy" old Daily Press.

Col. Lush was an old newspaper man also, though his past experience had been of a journalistic nature rather than managerial. He was the keenest writer who ever sat in a La Crosse sanctum, a man of integrity, sparkling wit and deep convictions. He was a La Follette man of the most intense class, and it may incidentally be said that he educated the people so liberally that he eventually turned what was undoubtedly a stalwart county into an administration stronghold.

These two men each set about the task that had brought him to La Crosse—Mr. Gellatt to build up a newspaper that would sustain him in comfort in his remaining years; Mr. Lush to make his paper the means of promoting the election of Robert M. La Follette. Things went on in the usual rut; there was for both men the grind of making a failing paper pay its own bills, in which effort Mr. Gellatt showed his mastery of men by getting, through his support of the

democratic city ticket, a number of men on his notes for a sum approximated at \$5,000. This he did while still a stranger in the city and many of the notes fall due soon.

These things all happened in the spring of 1901. During the following year, 1902, the city was mildly surprised one day to learn through the Daily Press that George B. McMillan and W. S. Cargill with certain associates, had promoted a corporation in to which all the lighting and power and heating plants of the city were merged. This deal took in the old Edison Electric company, the Brush electric and the Gas and city heating plants. It was also announced that as a condition precedent to the deal, the city council would be asked to extend the franchises of these concerns twenty-five years, although there was still seven years to elapse before the old franchises of these concerns expired.

All this attracted but passing comment. La Crosse people had become accustomed to have all these matters handled swiftly and quietly under the guiding hand of Hon. Joseph W. Losey; there had been no dissatisfaction, and hence the apathy.

But while Thomas W. Lawson had not come to teach the people the "inside" of deals of this sort, the two journalists were both experts on the subject. Mr. Lush had just finished writing a book that proved one of the strongest novels of the year on that very subject, and Mr. Gellatt had helped conduct an independent lighting plant in Louisville in the course of a popular fight against the lighting monopoly there. Hence both the Daily Press and The Chronicle hastened to warn the people of the "grab" that was about to be made. A sharp conflict followed, and the demand was made that many unjust and obnoxious privileges contained in the old franchise be stricken out. There followed one of the hottest fights in the history of La Crosse council, the battle eventually resulting in a victory for the people. But here begins another story.

CHAPTER 2 The Fight Against the Contract Ordinance

When the fight against the grasping contract ordinance sought by the new corporation now known as the La

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HOW F. J. TOLAND IS MAKING LA CROSSE A FOOTBALL TOWN

GEO. MUELLER OF MINN. UNIVERSITY IS TO BE COACH



George Mueller

Famous Football Coach Who Will Handle W. B. U. Team.

With the engagement of George F. Miller as coach, the Wisconsin Business University football team promises to enter upon a career of honor still greater than that which in the past it has achieved upon the gridiron. President F. J. Toland has been an enthusiastic patron of the game, encouraging his boys in every way, extending them financial aid and entertaining them royally in honor of distinguished victories. This year he plans to become still more a devotee of the great game, and it is expected that his team this year will rank well up with the smaller college teams.

MUELLER'S RECORD.
Coach Mueller has been actively interested in football for at least nine years, of which he played six and coached three. He began his career on the La Crosse gridiron, where he played with distinction on the High School team as center. He next became a member of the La Crosse Athletics, going later to the University of Minnesota where he became a guard of national fame. During his university career he missed not a single game, taking part in all the



MANAGER RILEY.

Star End Who Will Be at Helm this Fall.

football history-making events in which his team participated. After graduating Mueller coached the line in the Minnesota team for three years, and also coached the

Minneapolis South Side Highs, the team that won the Twin City championship. He also coached the McAlister college team of St. Paul.

CAPT. GRIMES.



This Young Man Was the Hero of the Gridiron Last Year.

bringing them up from last on the list to second place. He then coached the St. Thomas school team of St. Paul, this team winning the state championship in its class and never allowing a score against it, except in a single instance.

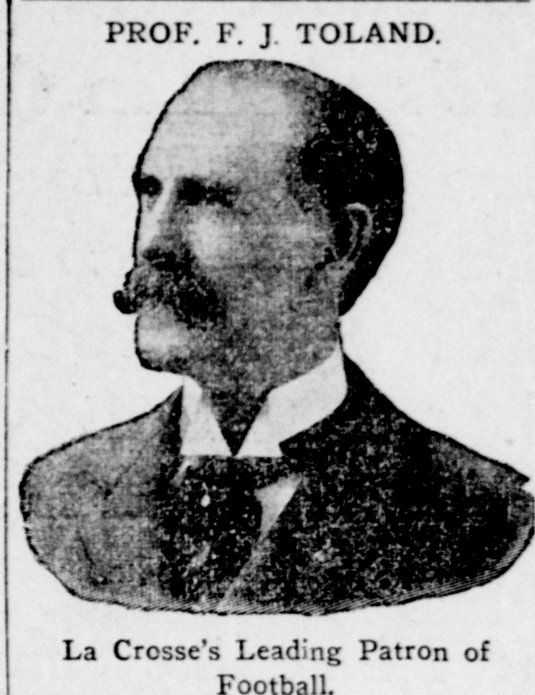
Mueller's last triumph was the winning of the world's kicking championship, in which contest on a day devoid of wind he sent the ball 80 yards, 1 foot 4 inches. He is an affable fellow, well liked by his men, and a thorough master of the sport.

TO TRAIN HARD.

Miller proposes to do consistent work with the W. B. U. In the past they have not trained conscientiously, indulging in narcotics and eating promiscuously. These things will be cut out this year.

To begin with, a training table will be established. Tobacco and liquors will be barred, and the boys will have to get down and saw wood in real college style.

Among the things that need brushing up in this aggregation is the tendency to run high, and a slowness in getting away; Mueller is expected to take all these little shortcomings out



PROF. F. J. TOLAND.

La Crosse's Leading Patron of Football.

of the boys in short order.

LECTURE SYSTEM.

Beside the usual drastic training rules, the work-outs and skirmishing, the runs and the "gym" work, Mueller, plans a series of lectures to the boys, and illustrated talks in which the blackboard system will be utilized.

THE LINE-UP.

There will be some change in the personnel of the team, but the old mainstays will be back. Manager Riley will be there, and his strong play will develop greatly under scientific coaching. The redoubtable Captain Grimes will also line up with the team this fall, and those who grew boisterously enthusiastic over his brilliant and daring work last year will have the pleasure of witnessing his performances again. So far as known the line-up will be as follows:

- L. E.—Riley.
- F. B.—Grimes.
- L. H. B.—White.
- L. G.—Manson.
- L. T.—Helbig.
- C.—McFarland.
- R. H. B.—Wambaugh.
- Q. B.—McDonald.

NEW MATERIAL IN SIGHT.

McDonald played quarter for St. Thomas' college last year, and is said to be a "crackerjack." Two Tomah boys, Gundersick and Wilson, are figured, on, the former a tackle and the latter a guard. It is also hoped that Schaldach, the star La Crosse high school end, will enter the school and play on the team.

LAST YEAR'S RECORD.

The W. B. U. men chased the pigskin to many brilliant victories last year, losing to the University Freshmen by a score of 5 to 0 in a game that undoubtedly eclipsed anything ever seen on the gridiron in this city before. They played six games all told, the scores being respectively as follows:

- Oct. 26—La Crosse 11, Sparta 6.
- Oct. 22—Freshmen 5, W. B. U. 0.
- Oct. 6—W. B. U. 6, Winona 5.
- Sept. 29—W. B. U. 23, Galesville 0.
- Nov. 17—W. B. U. 0, Tomah 0.
- Thanksgiving—W. B. U. 12, High School 0.

THE 1905 SCHEDULE.

The schedule this year promises greater attractions, many good schools and small colleges being on the list. The Wisconsin State University freshmen will play a game here; St. Thomas is on the list, as are two other Minnesota colleges, and Eau Claire is scheduled for a game. Beside these games there will be the High school and the usual number of games with Winona, Sparta and other adjoining towns. All told, the fall of 1905 promises to see a better grade of football, and more of it, than was ever given to the La Crosse public.

H. J. FRITZ WEDS HELEN YOUNG

Miss Helen C. Young and Mr. H. J. Fritz were united in marriage this afternoon at the residence of Father White on South Seventh street at 3 o'clock.

A reception will be held this evening at the home of the bride's parents at 1203 South Eleventh street.

Both of the young people are well known in this city and have a host of friends who wish them a happy future. Mrs. Fritz is a popular young woman of the south side and is very popular in the younger circles. Mr. Fritz has for some time been employed as foreman at the Schertz-Wiltz Printing company and is a rising young man.

The young couple will begin house-keeping at once.

GOLL BOUND OVER

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)
MILWAUKEE, May 16.—Henry G. Goll, former cashier of the First National bank, charged with doctoring the books to enable President Bigelow to embezzle a million and a half, today waived preliminary examination and was bound over to the federal grand jury. His bond was fixed at \$10,000.

DUNNE SEEKS QUIET

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)
CHICAGO, May 16.—President Shea, President Dold and a committee representing the teamsters had a conference with Mayor Dunne this morning at the latter's request. The mayor asked the labor leaders not to spread the strike and to use every effort to prevent further disturbances, pending the mayor's effort to bring about arbitration through the medium of a council committee which meets today.

The mayor told the leaders if the strike was extended it would immediately lead to bringing troops here. He said he was determined to preserve order at any cost.

Several hundred strike breakers arrived from St. Louis this morning. Hundred additional policemen went out with employers' wagons as guard. At the request of livemen Mayor Dunne promised to revoke the license of any cabman who refused to carry passengers to strike bound stores.

HAS GERMANY LANDED TROOPS

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)
BERLIN, May 16.—The report that German troops have occupied Haichu, China, is officially denied.

Gunboat was in Harbor.
SHANGHAI, May 16.—The reported landing of German troops at Shanghai province is regarded as doubtful here. The rumor possibly originated from the presence of a German gunboat in the harbor on a surveying expedition.

Troops Occupy Haichan.

TOKIO, May 16.—An apparently authentic report has reached here that German troops have occupied Haichan, a southern port of the Shanghai province and raised the German flag. The intentions of German are not clear, but it is thought the kaiser is taking advantage of a good opportunity to extend his influence in China. The action creates grave concern here.

GAME IS POSTPONED

Owing to wet grounds and threatening skies the baseball game scheduled for today has been postponed until tomorrow afternoon.

The game will be called at 3:15 sharp tomorrow in order to allow the Green Bay team to catch their train north.

BODY TAKEN TO HOKAH

The body of James Caig, who met his death several days ago in a slough of the Mississippi below Pettibone park and whose body was found Sunday and brought to this city, was taken to Hokah this morning by relatives and the funeral was held there this afternoon.

Craig was a brother-in-law of J. L. Klein of that village.

RATE BILL HELD

BY ROBT. E. KNOFF.
(Tribune Special Dispatch.)
MADISON, Wis., May 16.—The railroad rate commission bill came up in the senate today for advancement to engrossment and third reading, but was re-referred on motion of Senator Hatton to the committee on railroads for the purpose of making some minor amendments. Senator Stevens offered an amendment, which was referred with the bill, providing that the commission should be elected rather than appointed and that the powers conferred upon the proposed commission be elected and organized. Senator Rummel, a social democratic member from Milwaukee, offered an amendment to the effect that the commission be appointive, but that no person should be appointed who may be pecuniarily interested in any railroad. The bill will be speedily reported back from the committee and is a special order for Thursday morning.

The senate passed the bill to require the insurance commissioner to examine companies not less frequently than once in four years and providing for his compensation therefor. The bill is to obviate such incidents in the future as arose when Commissioner Host examined the Prudential and collected \$21,000 for expenses, the company charging extortion.

Lay Over Business.

The Stoddard automobile registering bill was opposed in a speech by Senator Rogers and was referred to the judiciary committee.

The senate laid over some important bills including measures to pay R. M. Bashford and John Barnes for services as attorneys in the republican factional litigation and to pay Senator Roehr for acting as attorney for Commissioner Host in the Equitable case.

The University appropriation bill was laid over. The assembly killed the Thayer substitute for the residence district option bill, refusing engrossment by a vote of 40 to 36.

ANOTHER BIGELOW FAILURE

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)
MILWAUKEE, May 16.—John I. Beggs was appointed receiver today for the National Electric company, capitalized at \$3,500,000, Frank Bigelow, the former president of the First National bank, was president of the company, but resigned when the alleged defalcations became public.

CONDITIONS FOR TRANS-ATLANTIC RACE BAD

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)
HAYSINK, Highland, N. J., May 16.—The kaiser's cup contest, the first open trans-atlantic yacht race ever sailed, will start from Sandyhook lightship at 2:15 this afternoon. Eleven yachts are starters in the three thousand mile contest which will end off the Lizard on the coast of England.

A nasty, wet fog hung like a blanket over the sea with no sign of lifting at 10 o'clock this morning.

The committee in charge will send the yachts away unless there is a dead flat calm which will make steering impossible.

May Not Start.
At one o'clock the fog was so thick yachts would start.

Rev. R. Anderson is a business visitor at Galesville today.

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Our diamond and pearl jewelry is the most exclusive shown in this section and always up to date. **THE ROSE WATCH**, which is made specially for us is without doubt the most elegant thing ever shown in a watch and guaranteed to run within 15 seconds per month.

Our Sterling Silver line comprises the largest assortment of the different large manufacturers. Also the products of many exclusive makers of Sterling Silver wares not seen elsewhere.

The name ROSE is a guarantee of quality and exclusiveness.

ROSE The Jeweler ROSE

If Uncle Sam is Not Careful



He will have on his hands a war that will make the Eastern conflict look like three-tenths of a dollar.

If you are not careful in placing your order for your interior finishing, you may have on your hands the quality that will

give you nothing but dissatisfaction.

Why not avoid such a chance by placing your order with us, where you take no chances on getting the very best.

Segelke & Kohlhaus
Manufacturing Company.

BOY WHO ROBBED KING'S SHOP SENTENCED TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

Henry Guillaume, a thirteen year old boy was today found guilty of robbing the stores of L. W. King and C. A. Krebaum on upper Main street and was sentenced to a term at the state industrial school.

Sunday night the boy entered the King bicycle shop on Main street through a rear window and stole a bicycle wheel and other supplies and sundries. Mr. King discovering the robbery early Monday morning, reported the matter to the police and shortly after told a party of friends of it.

Half an hour later as one of these

friends, A. Brooks, an employee of the button works, encountered the boy on the street and seeing the new wheel which the boy had attached to an old bicycle it attracted his attention. When he asked the boy to show him the wheel the boy tried to run away, but was taken back to the bicycle shop where King identified the wheel.

The boy had smeared it with black paint but it could be readily identified. When arraigned in court today the boy pleaded guilty to burglary and was committed to the industrial school.

Demand for Higher Wages by Racine Mechanics

RACINE, Wis., May 16.—Yesterday the carpenters made demands of an increase of 5 cents an hour and the demand has been refused. The carpenters have been receiving from 30 to 35 cents and now want from 35 to 40 cents an hour. All contracts made have been figured on the present wage

scale. Tanners, plumbers and masons are also making demands for an increase in wages.

The Dynamite Explosion.

The police are looking for Samuel and Charles Dross, Italians who were in the O'Laughlin stone quarry when Samuel Latrente was killed in an explosion of dynamite. The men have disappeared and without wages due them. Claims are made by Italians that Latrente was murdered, but there is nothing to substantiate the theory except that dynamite used in the explosion was not taken from the O'Laughlin company, as all cartridges

are accounted for. There has been bitter rivalry between two factions of Italians in Racine, and Latrente was the leader of one faction. Nels Pederson and Mathew Seifen, the police officers dismissed by the

KAISER WILHELM

looms up today as the dominant figure in world politics—a truly commanding personality. And like Bismarck, his famous tutor, he delights to quaff, when among friends, the fine old malt brews of the German Fatherland.

GUND'S
Peerless
BEER



is a fine American beer of Commanding Superiority brewed by the "Gund Natural Process" from Nature's choicest barley-malt and hops, and water flowing crystal from granite rocks. It is the only beer brewed on "this Side" that would make the Kaiser's eyes sparkle with pleasure, because its quality would satisfy his discriminating and highly educated taste. It is marvelously rich, ripe and pure—a right royal beverage—winning the Gold Medal at the St. Louis Exposition—as a triumphant achievement in the art of brewing. "PEERLESS" when first brewed in a little log house fifty years ago—it is "PEERLESS" still.

Sold at all first-class bars and cafes. Ask for it if you want something exceptionally good—or order a trial case sent today to your home. It has never been known to cause biliousness because it is aged for months and bottled only at the brewery. Distinguished from all other beers by its fine flavor and exquisite bouquet.

John Gund Brewing Co., La Crosse, Wis.
PHONES 85

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**Detroit Gasoline
Stoves, Bowen Re-
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Also clean and dye portierers, piano covers and clothing of every description. Fine lace curtains can be dry cleaned without injuring them. We also make men's clothes to order from \$9.75 a suit up. A fine line of crash for summer suits.

La Crosse Steam Dye Works

110-112 N. Fifth Street.

WM. REHFUSS, Proprietor.

police and fire commission for "the good of the service," have brought suit against the city for \$130 each for salaries claimed due them.

Go to the Bijou tonight.

Invitations have been issued by the Norden society for their annual seventeenth of May celebration and ball at their hall tomorrow evening. An interesting program has been prepared.

WEATHER—Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday; possibly showers tonight

L. COREN'S

DAILY STORE NEWS.

Wash Goods

Frequently Wash Goods are wanted that don't cost much, yet must be up to date in style and effect. These are the kind we advertise for Wednesday's sale. Be on hand early and get first pick.

VIDETTE BATISTE White ground with colored design and worth 8 cents, Wednesday's price, yard **5c**

STERLING BATISTE, Dimities and Novelties in light and dark colors, 12 1-2c grades on sale, per yard **9c**

ORGANDI VIERZON, Linon de Inde and fine batistes, a great collection of choice fabrics, some stores would ask 18 to 25 cents a yard we say take your pick, per yard **15c**

EMBROIDERED SPOT CREPE, Panamas, Basket Weaves and Fancy Vestings, 50c fabrics on sale Wednesday, per yard **25c**

A Midspring Riddance Sale of Suits

We must get rid of them, so the reduced prices continue. At this sale you can buy

\$15.00 suits for \$4.98

\$20.00 suits for \$8.90

\$25.00 suits for \$12.85

\$35.00 suits for \$16.90

May Sale of Muslin Underwear

Prices are Specialty Low.

CLOSING OUT LACE CURTAINS AT WHOLESALE PRICES.

CITY NEWS

Storage—130 Pearl street. Have Colby do your wiring. Dr. George Powell, consulting physician and surgeon.

Have you seen the Wisconsin Light & Power Company's ad.

Do not forget to read the Wisconsin Light & Power Co.'s ad.

Ben Hur lodge meets tonight at Fjelstad's hall, Caledonia street.

An interesting lecture on Christian Science will be given at the La Crosse theatre, Friday evening, May 19, by Edward A. Kimball, C. S. D., of Chicago. The lecture will be under the auspices of First Church of Christ Scientist and will be free.

Where are you sick? Headache, foul-tongue, no appetite, lack energy, pain in your stomach, constipation? Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will make you well and keep you well. 35 cents. Ask your druggist.

If you want to see how a band of tramp safe blowers work, go to the Bijou and see the "yeggmen" in the kinetoscope.

Because her husband followed her when she refused to live with him, Mrs. Stella Van Dorn yesterday had him arrested. She alleges that he abuses her and she wishes to be left alone. She does not ask for a divorce. The case will come up before Judge Brindley June 15, Van Dorn being liberated on his own recognizance.

The Wisconsin Light & Power company would be pleased to have citizens read their ad.

The dancing marvels at the Bijou, eclipse anything ever presented there in the way of dancers.

Mrs. Edwin A. Kimball, C. S. D., of Chicago, will be secured to present the annual Christian Science lecture this year by the First Church of Christ Scientist.

The La Crosse Rug Co. are prepared to clean, lay and refit all carpets and rugs.

Tomorrow, the 17th of May, Norway's independence day, will be generally observed by the Scandinavians in this city and vicinity. The Norden society will observe the day in the usual manner at its hall.

Beautify your complexion with little cost. If you wish a smooth, clear, cream-like complexion, rosy cheeks, laughing eyes, take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea, greatest beautifier known, 35 cents. Ask your druggist.

The "2 1/2 DeGreus" are an oddity in vaudeville—they are at the Bijou attracting large crowds.

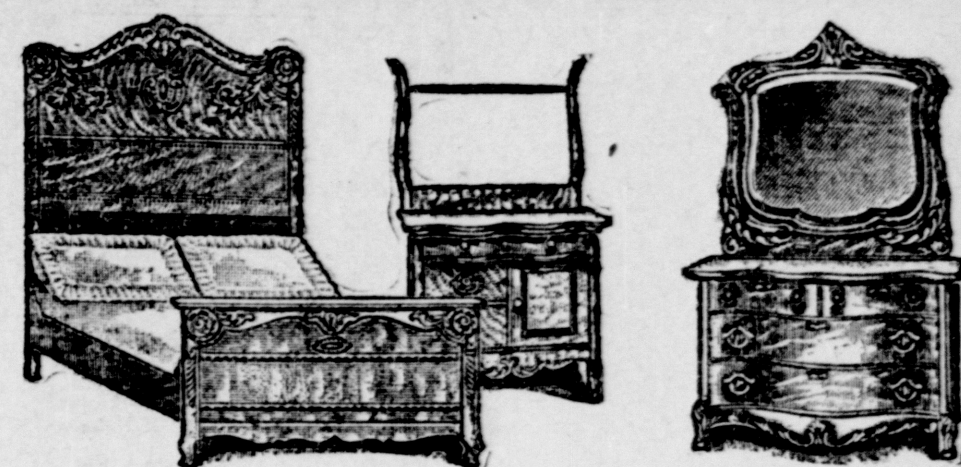
G. R. Coman of Trempealeau has passed the mental examination for admission into Annapolis according to word received by Congressman Esch.

S. GANTERT, FURNITURE HOUSE.

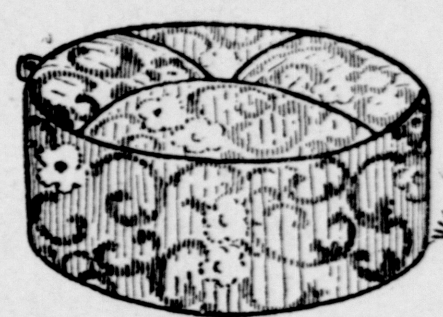
A BIG ATTRACTION—Our large show windows, watch them, but a still greater attraction is our large assortment of new and up-to-date goods with our down-to-date Prices. We ask your special attention to the bargains below, then come in and see them. ::



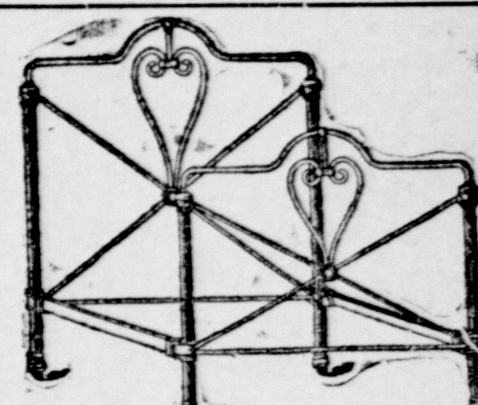
This Genuine Leather Rocker, Karpen Make price **\$17.10**



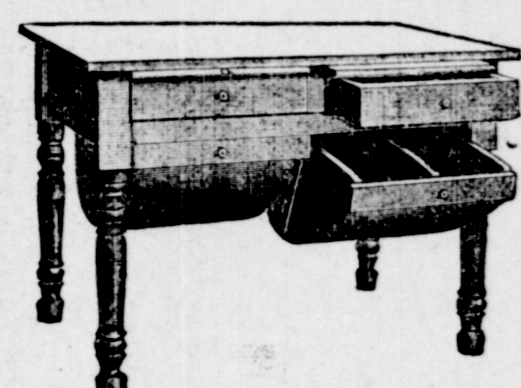
This beautiful Bedroom Suit, Golden Oak, French plate mirror in dresser, only **\$22.40**



Hassocks, upholstered in velvet carpet, price **45c**



Substantial and artistic Iron Beds, upwards from **\$1.85**



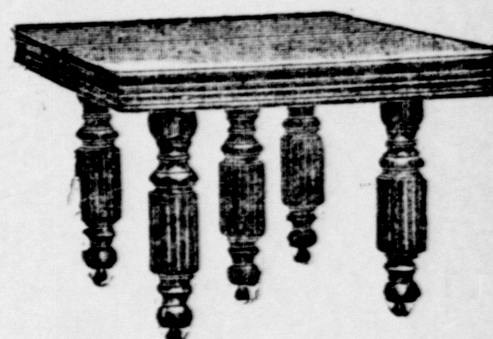
Kitchen Cabinets—Golden finish, 2 flour bins, two drawers, 2 moulding boards, like cut **\$4.50**



DRESSERS

Golden Oak Finish, Very Similar To Cut—

\$7.90.



Solid Golden Oak Extension Tables for **\$5.25**

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New
Potatoes
Cucumbers
Early
Vegetables
Oranges
Lemons
and
Bananas.

John C. Burns
Fruit House.

Coman is alternate to Galloway of Eau Claire.

It will pay you to read the Wisconsin Light & Power company's ad before making any contracts.

Electric wiring. Colby, 605 Main. The Wisconsin Light & Power company will be able to furnish current as early as Sept. 1st. See their advertisement.

"Steve" Keoser, janitor of the city hall, yesterday fitted the windows of the offices with screens. Not a cent wanted, unless you are cured. If you are sick and ailing, take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. A great blessing to the human family. Makes you well—keeps you well. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. Ask your druggist.

Yesterday was the last day for the payment of dog taxes and all canines found untaxed today will cause the arrest and fine of their owners.

"Olson, the Coalman," at the Bijou. This is not Carl Olson, but one of the cleverest Swedish acts on record.

La Crosse automobile owners have received entry blanks to the Chicago Automobile club and are invited to participate in its tour from Chicago to St. Paul which is to start from Chicago about July 1st. The club will pass through La Crosse.

Safety deposit boxes in fire and burglar proof vaults with Bankers' Electric Protective Co.'s system guaranteeing absolute safety. Inspection invited. Batavian National Bank.

Up to 6 o'clock last evening, Clerk Schultze of the board of publicworks had issued 1600 free bridge passes yesterday.

Negotiations have been entered into by the government and the La Crosse & Southeastern railway for the transfer of the government mails over the lines of the new road. If the contract is closed one mail will be carried each way daily between Viroqua and La Crosse.

Fred Uetzen, traveling salesman for Joseph Miller, got stuck with his automobile out near the Green Bay depot this morning and telephoned to Jones, the quick delivery man, to

Poems You Should Know.

There was a man who coughed so long,
So hard, and so severe,
That all his neighbors got alarmed,
And for his life did fear.
They recommended this and that,
Of remedies galore,
He took them all, but still coughed on
Yes, harder than before.
Then came a friend, who used to cough
For days and nights, like he—
He whispered in his ear a name,
That you below will see.
The man he took the remedy
As he was told to do,
Gray's Yerba Santa saved his life—
'T will do the same for you!
It's for sale in 50c and \$1.00 bottles at
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Main St.

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come out and haul him home. He had his wife and little son with him.

HIS BRIDE FAILED TO APPEAR; CASH GONE

According to a La Crosse dispatch in the Milwaukee Sentinel Frank Colburn, a prosperous young stockman residing at Preston, Minn., near here, has lost his expected bride and a considerable sum of money through what is believed to be a game played by St. Paul sharpers. Mr. Colburn advertised for a wife, and in less than a week he received a reply from a St. Paul woman calling herself Maud Gordon.

A photograph of a handsome young woman completely captivated him, and when the bride to be asked for money to provide a trousseau and to pay her expenses from St. Paul to Preston it was sent without delay.

The bride was to arrive at Preston at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and Colburn was on hand with a marriage license and a preacher. Elaborate preparations for a wedding dinner had also been made. Colburn was to recognize his bride by a white ribbon, but no bride appeared. Colburn has taken up the matter with the authorities at St. Paul.

C. E. Convention is Ended

WAUKESHA, Wis., May 16.—The convention of the Eastern District of the Christian Endeavor society came to a close with a strong service conducted by Prof. Protheroe of Milwaukee and an address by the Rev. William E. Chalmers.

CARD OF THANKS.

We feel grateful to all our friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us during the illness and death of our dear mother, Mrs. Conway, and especially Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Smith and Mrs. Foley and family. We take this means of expressing our sincere thanks.

THE CHILDREN.

Cool Oxfords

We are proud of our splendid display; we want the ladies to see them.

Tans...Patents...Vicis
In all the new shapes.

We invite the women who are particular about their shoes to come here.

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Will be given by Edward A. Kimball, C. S. D., a member of the Board of Christian Science Lecture-ship of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Mass., at the La Crosse Theatre, Friday Evening, May 19, 1905, at 8 o'clock. You are invited. No admission--FREE.

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OUR BIRTHDAY

Today is the first anniversary of the birth of The Tribune. To the disappointment and despite the efforts and prophecies, of some people, it has survived the colic and teeth-cutting period, and the grave they dugged for it is still unoccupied, albeit there are rumors that the corpse of a contemporary now in the years of dotage and suffering with the ailments of a mis-spent life may become a substitute.

But this is not the time for pleasantries of this sort. We feel that the welfare of the city of La Crosse is kin to that of The Tribune and that therefore there should come at this time felicitations on the progress of the past year, rather than delicate compliments to those votaries of the get-rich-quick game who warp and fret in the bright light of the only true publicity La Crosse affairs have had since the evil day when the public service corporations secured control of all the English dailies then published here.

For this reason we have prepared to give to the public today a special edition in honor of the event. It is not elaborate; it is indeed modest and unpretentious. Its purpose is to do honor to the occasion, to extend to those worthy citizens who have fought the good fight our thanks and congratulations, and to briefly review the progress that has been made. This review will be found introduced under various appropriate headings throughout the paper.

In expressing out thanks, we would delight to publish a roll of honor comprised of the names of the many stockholders and friends of this paper. Some of them, however, are engaged in business that can poorly withstand the attacks of even a poor and ill-reputed journal, and for the protection of these good men and true, we have decided to mention no names. To those who have been and are still with us we extend our thanks and the thanks of the overwhelming majority of the people of this city; their reward must be in a consciousness of a duty well done, a burden nobly borne.

One of the features of this issue is a "Court House" section, in which the history of the court house is reviewed and a good descriptive feature appears. That the building of the court house, tho' possibly attended with the inevitable little mistakes, is a good thing for this city and county cannot be doubted, and it seems appropriate that some notice be taken of its final opening and presentation to the public.

To Greater La Crosse we take the liberty of dedicating this issue. During the year of The Tribune's existence the new Hotel Stoddard has been opened to the public, the new court house has been completed, and the new high school has been authorized. These things would have occurred had there been no Tribune. But to them may be added the new lighting company which by the restoration of competition in the lighting and power



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ADAM E. FORSCHLER, Tobacconist

business means a saving of thousands of dollars each year to the people of this community, and further the probability that cheap and good light and power will operate to extend the manufacturing industries of La Crosse in a mighty measure. The Bijou, the attractive little playhouse that furnishes excellent vaudeville at popular prices, is an outgrowth of this paper's campaign against the abuse practiced in the old theatre, and on this same line is the practical certainty that there will be here shortly a new and modern theatre building incorporating other attractions, that will place La Crosse in the class with the Twin Cities and other live communities.

The Tribune did not do all these things alone; it did not organize the merchants, get the conventions, awake the town to the dangers of public service corporation control without assistance. But it helped these public spirited citizens who did the work, and is the only newspaper in La Crosse that did help, or dared to help. It was the mouthpiece of popular feeling and the backbone of the rebellion against the High Finance ring.

Let the good work go on, and to those who are doing it there will be given constant and honest and vigorous support by this journal. One thing more—The Tribune will have a greater anniversary next year, with a greater record of accomplishment, and more things upon which to congratulate the men who have taken off their coats to fight the battles of Our Beautiful City.

THE WAY MAHONEY LEANS

We hope City Attorney Mahoney will not take unkindly our criticism of his attitude in the printing deal. It will do him good to see himself as others see him, albeit we have not played mirror for him with the full measure of brilliancy. Mr. Mahoney is a zealous official, always in a hurry and often hurrying in the wrong direction.

Now it is a fact that the city attorney's duty is to construe the law to the best of his ability. That is right, and any criticism of his conduct, to be just, must go beyond the mere interpretation of the law. It is not that Mr. Mahoney has hastened to give the law in the printing case that has occasioned disapproval, but it is the fact that he appeared in advance of his investigation as the champion of the trust papers that are holding the city up for a good lot of good money every year. His statement to the council was accepted by members as a warning that if by any course of reasoning it could be done the single bid entered by the Leader-Press in collusion with the Chronicle would be declared a correct bid, and that the council would be advised that they MUST accept it. His pre-judgment of the case exposed his personal sympathies.

Now it would have seemed the part of official duty for the city attorney to have assumed an air of friendliness to this plan of the council to save money for the taxpayers of La Crosse. It might fairly have been ex-

pected that Mr. Mahoney would try and find means to legally accomplish it. It certainly was a remarkable thing for him to appear, instead, as the champion of the Trust papers who are holding the taxpayers up; he might have been in the council as the paid attorney of R. B. Gelatt and W. S. Stras, if his attitude bore any significance.

Now what will Mr. Mahoney tell the council next Friday? He will tell it that it must accept Mr. Gelatt's bid; that a German paper cannot secure the contract; that the word "may" means "must," he will tell the aldermen "where they get off at."

Here is right where the city council should assert its independence of a very busy delegate. If the aldermen are satisfied that the city attorney is wrong as to the law, they need not follow his commands. He has no authority, and he is human and prone to error. If more experienced lawyers agree that he is wrong, the council may take this matter of city printing over his head. Of course it would be easier to let Mr. Mahoney and Mr. Gelatt and Mr. Stras have it their own way, but duty seems to point out the more strenuous course of saving a little money for the taxpayers. If Mr. Mahoney were half as zealous in digging up evidence of the existence of the conspiracy between the Leader-Press and the Chronicle as he is in proving that their conspiracy is a fine thing and has the sanction of the law, there might be another city case on the calendar.

We do not feel that we have done Mr. Mahoney an injustice in thus publicly discussing him. He has ample means of defending his position if it is defensible. His friends, Messrs. Gelatt and Stras, will afford him all the space he wants in their valuable publications, and he is not unaccustomed to writing for the public prints. The Tribune would like to have him use its space in if he wants to, but we believe that he will feel more at home in one of the public service organs, and when he takes his copy down he can stop for a cosy little chat with his friend, Magnate Gelatt.

CONCERNING GRANT E. REYNOLDS

The announcement was made in a recent issue of The Tribune that Grant E. Reynolds had become a partner in a large and flourishing department store at Cedar Rapids, Ia., Mr. Reynolds does not relinquish the other business interests he acquired at the time he left La Crosse. His new associates in Cedar Rapids may congratulate themselves that they have with them a hustling young business man who is awake and who is not afraid of the cars if duty calls him onto the right-of-way.

We feel that it is peculiarly appropriate that The Tribune say a word concerning Mr. Reynolds at this time. It is a fact that he was the first man to urge the starting of The Tribune, and at a quiet meeting at his home the matter was discussed with the present publishers before it became generally agitated. He was the first and one of the strongest forces behind the popular movement, and his push and vigor did much to carry the project through. Mr. Reynolds was for two years president of the Board of Trade, to which organization he brought the energy and high ideals that characterize the man. He was a valuable citizen, and his departure from La Crosse was much regretted.

And so, in this anniversary edition of a paper to which he lent his influence and support, we desire to express our felicitations upon the successful career he is enjoying, and to wish him prosperity and success. This sentiment will be joined by Henry Boehm, Walter B. Rose, Henry A. Salzer, John P. Salzer, Henry Waters, Fred Heil, J. J. Poehling and scores of other live and enterprising citizens of La Crosse who were associated with him in the strenuous times during which this paper had its birth, and will be approved by every man who loves good citizenship and admires generous impulses and unyielding integrity.

A QUESTION FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY.

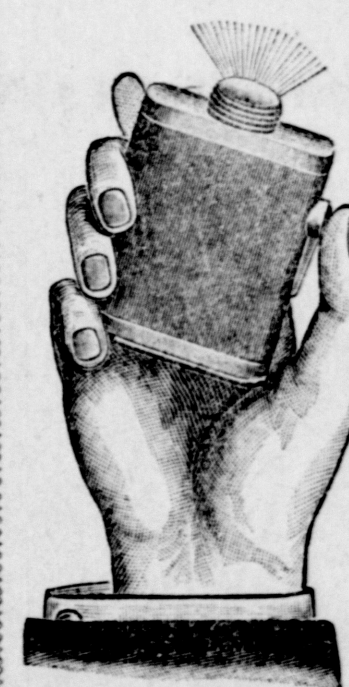
As we understand Mr. Mahoney's contention regarding the city printing, it is that the law makes it obligatory to let the contract at the regular May meeting and at no other time. He construes the word "may" as mandatory, meaning "must." He is worried lest, should this not be done, our bonding ordinances would be illegal, because there would be no official paper. The old paper, he says, would not hold over. That is our understanding of his position.

Now here is a question for the city attorney. The law requires in unequivocal terms that the council reject any bids in excess of 60 cents per folio. Suppose there were no bids that did not exceed that sum, what paper would be the official paper, and what would become of the bonding ordinances that are the source of worry?

Suppose no paper were to bid at all? What paper would be the official paper then? What would be the proper action for the council?

It does look strange indeed if the law that was meant to protect the people by securing competition in the letting of public printing must be so construed as to eliminate competition. It is a pretty one-sided contract relation that permits one party to the contract to dictate all the terms of the contract. One of the first legal axioms in the list is that "the law is reasonable." Here is a case where, if Mr. Mahoney is correct, the law is very unreasonable.

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Directors—J. E. Wheeler, Orlando Holway, W. B. Tscharnet, Wm. F. Gohres, S. J. Waite.

GOSSIP FOR THE FANS

Nine men are pretty hard to beat, if they are fast and swell; But when they make it ten, by gum, It's simply h-l-l.

It nearly slipped through our fingers.

Not to mince matters, Donnelly is rotten. His work yesterday disgusted the grandstand, and nearly lost the game. The patrons of the game are getting into a nasty mood about this sort of fol de rol in so important a position. When Bond comes back to the third sack, that man Smith will be free. There don't seem to be anything the matter with Smith.

The umpire was very bad yesterday. Had it been a secret that he was a Green Bay man, the fans would have been at a loss to understand his antics. That third base decision, and the declaration that Ramsey's clean hit to left was a foul were examples. Jones couldn't throw a strike unless the batter wiped the air, and the other fellow couldn't get them wild enough to miss the sixteen-foot home plate that loomed up in the lively imagination of the home-loyal official.

Jones was lucky yesterday. He allowed fourteen hits, but so scattered them through the twelve innings that little damage was done. But the ball was wet, and Jones was there with the head. His fielding was superb.

Returning to Mr. Donnelly, I desire to withdraw my assertion that he could make good in La Crescent.

JONES

Jones throws the ball with lightning speed, And his control is bully; He shoots a curve with wicked swerve They can't get onto, fully. His "drop" is smart, his "out" is broad. His "in" is keen at that, And all the rooters roar, "Oh, 'If Jones would only bat!"

Jones fields the ball unerringly, And deftly covers "first," Or climbs up for a high ball like A printer with a thirst. In fact Jones plays a rattling game, As foxy as a rat, But hear the bleachers echoing, "If only Jones could bat."

But when Jones walks up to the plate To swing his festive club, The best he'll do is fan a few, For there Jones is a dub. But Jonesey, don't you care; play ball As nimble as a cat, As you have done since you begun, And let the others bat.

The Tribune stands for Greater La Crosse—no other newspaper in La Crosse does.

FREE PRESENTS FREE

OUR New Premium System is now installed, that means everybody that buys at our store, **Forschler's Cigar Store, 323 Main Street**, will receive premiums absolutely **FREE**.

A Coupon is given with every Five (5) Cent purchase and for the return of Five Coupons we given One Certificate which is of value in securing presents described in our catalogue. Very useful articles will be give such as Clothing, Hats, Shoes, Sporting Goods, Silverware, Jewelry, Household Goods, Guns, Fishing Tackles, Bicycles, in fact anything one might desire.

Remember our goods are all bought from our **Home Merchants**, thus saving you the expense of sending your Coupons away, and also paying freight or express charges for presents received. All presents will be delivered at your home absolutely free.

ASK FOR OUR PREMIUM LIST.

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LIGHT PLANT IS A MODEL

The Wisconsin Light and Power company's new plant is to be a model of engineering skill and construction. The generating station will contain the latest type of noiseless Westinghouse-Parsons steam turbines generating alternating three-phase current at 2,300 volts.

The turbine engines will receive their steam from Babcock & Wilcox high pressure boilers delivering their steam at 225 pounds steam pressure and superheated to 150 degrees, these boilers will be of capacity sufficient to furnish steam for 2,132 turbine horsepower.

The steam leaving the turbines will be received in Althirn high vacuum surface condensers where the steam will be condensed and the condensed water pumped back into the boilers. In order to provide sufficient draft to carry the smoke and products of combustion away from the boilers the largest smokestack in La Crosse is being built. This stack is built of steel 102 inches in diameter and 180 feet high, and will be built by Mr. Solberg of this city. This stack will be large enough for a carriage to drive through and its top will extend up in the air above the plant where the birds ordinarily fly.

The railroad companies are building side tracks along side of the new plant so that the coal can be readily handled, and a large pair of railroad scales are placed in the track so that every car can be weighed when it comes in and weighed again after the coal has been unloaded.

Inside of the boiler room are other scales which weigh all of the coal as it comes from the coal pile to the furnace room so that each day and each shift the exact amount of fuel used will be known and as the current from every dynamo will be measured the efficiency of the plant will be shown on every day's report sheet. A fourteen panel switchboard having all of the latest type instruments and switches for measuring and handling the current will extend across the entire width of the dynamo room, and facilitate the regulation of the current, as each circuit will be maintained at a steady, constant voltage or pressure by means of automatic voltage regulators.

Leaving the generating station the current will be carried high above the wires or tall straight poles shipped from the Pacific coast, many of which will be from 65 to 70 feet high, for as a protection both to the telephone companies and to themselves separate poles will be used to carry their wires, this is necessary both on account of the great weight of wires and to insure against any leakage between the telephone and electric light and from conductors.

The work of designing the system for distributing the current above the down town districts is nearly completed and contractors will soon commence to place the poles and conduits in position so that the wires can carry the electricity to all parts of town.

Only high efficiency lamps will be used on the lines of the new company and these will be frequently changed and the electric meters used to measure the current consumed will be of the most improved type and guaranteed to be accurate, while a testing department will be maintained in the new office at 318 Main where meters, lamps and motors will be tested any time.

The new company will be in its new offices in the building formerly occupied by Mr. Loomis, the music man, soon after June 1st, where it has arranged to make its home for at least the next five years.

LA CROSSE WINS

La Crosse still head the state baseball league with a percentage of 750. The winning of yesterday's fourteen inning game from Green Bay by a score of 4 to 3, after one of the most exciting games of the season, marked largely by errors and good hitting, is considered a great credit to the home team under the circumstances.

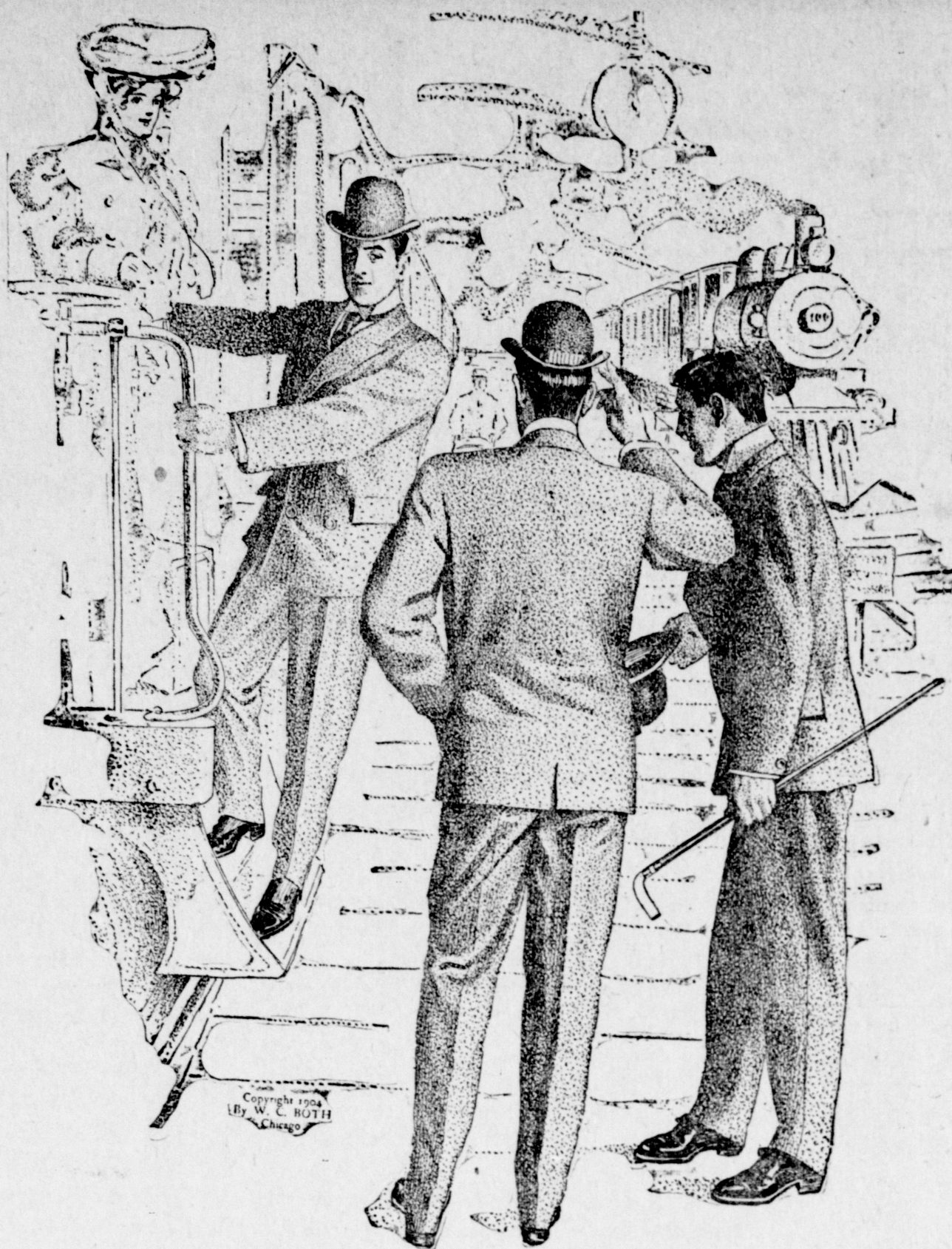
The field was very slippery and muddy from the rains, and the balls were wet and soggy, making good pitching impossible.

The complete score was:

La Crosse.		ABR H POA E	
Hopkins, cf	.....3	1	0 2 1 0
Miller, rf	.....5	0	2 0 0 0
Ramsey, 2b	.....5	1	0 5 3 0
Konetchy, 1b	.....4	0	0 16 2 0
Smith, 3b	.....4	-1	1 1 6 0
Donnelly, lf	.....5	0	1 1 4 1
Clay, lf	.....5	0	1 1 0 0
Jones, p	.....5	0	0 2 4 0
Dodge, c	.....5	1	1 8 2 1
Total	.....41	4	6 36 21 3

Green Bay.		ABR H POA E	
Pease, 2b	.....5	1	2 4 2 1
Frederickson, 3b	.....5	1	3 1 3 1
McQuaid, cf	.....6	0	2 6 0 0
Connors, c	.....6	0	2 9 0 0
Kruse, rf	.....6	0	1 1 0 0
Sylkowski, 1b	.....6	0	1 9 2 0
Wood, ss	.....5	0	2 3 1 1
Nicolai, lf	.....6	0	0 0 0 0
Corcoran, p	.....4	1	1 0 2 1
Total	.....49	3	14 33*10 5

*None out when winning run scored.
La Crosse 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1—4
Green Bay 0 0 0 1 0 2 0 0 0 0—3
First base on errors, La Crosse 4.
Green Bay 3; left on bases, La Crosse



Confederate Gray and Federal Blue

SUMMER'S CLOTHES PRESCRIPTION

NO MAN can be criticized for wearing the gray this season. And blue, of course, is staple. The wardrobe that contains both has a strong alternating combination, in the very best of taste. The gray is ultra fashionable this year, and the blue is standard. The man who has them both has filled the clothes prescription for the season.

Our grays are in shades--some dark, some medium, some light, some are plain, others are plaids and patterns with a mixture of colors, but the gray is dominant--the body, as it were. The blues for most part are dark, of a rich navy hue, with fine weave, and both gray and blue are cut in single and double-breasted styles.

This collection of ours was prepared by the four foremost American clothes-makers, whose designs, by the way, were adopted by the best merchant tailors everywhere. These tailors seem to think they should have more money for theirs than we ask for ours, but we assure you that price is the only difference. If you have had a custom-tailor suit recently, come in and compare it with one of our suits which we retail for about half what the tailor asks.

Confederate Gray Suits

Shimmering and dull, light and dark, plain and patterns, single and double breasted—

Federal Blue Suits

Coarse and fine weave, rich navy color, perfect fitting, single and double-breasted

\$15 \$18 \$20 \$22.50



Note—Any of these garments in various sizes will be sent home, so that they may be seen by any member of the family, whom you are in the habit of consulting.

Fancy Wash Vests

Pique, canvas, madras, linen and other fabrics, including the new styles trimmed with braids of white and contrasting colors, representing a new and more popular era of fancy vests—

\$2 \$2.50 \$3 \$3.50 \$4

Summer Fancy Shirts

An elaborate display of fine fabrics in handsome figures and patterns; the coat shirt particularly noticeable—

\$1 \$1.50 \$2 \$2.50 \$3

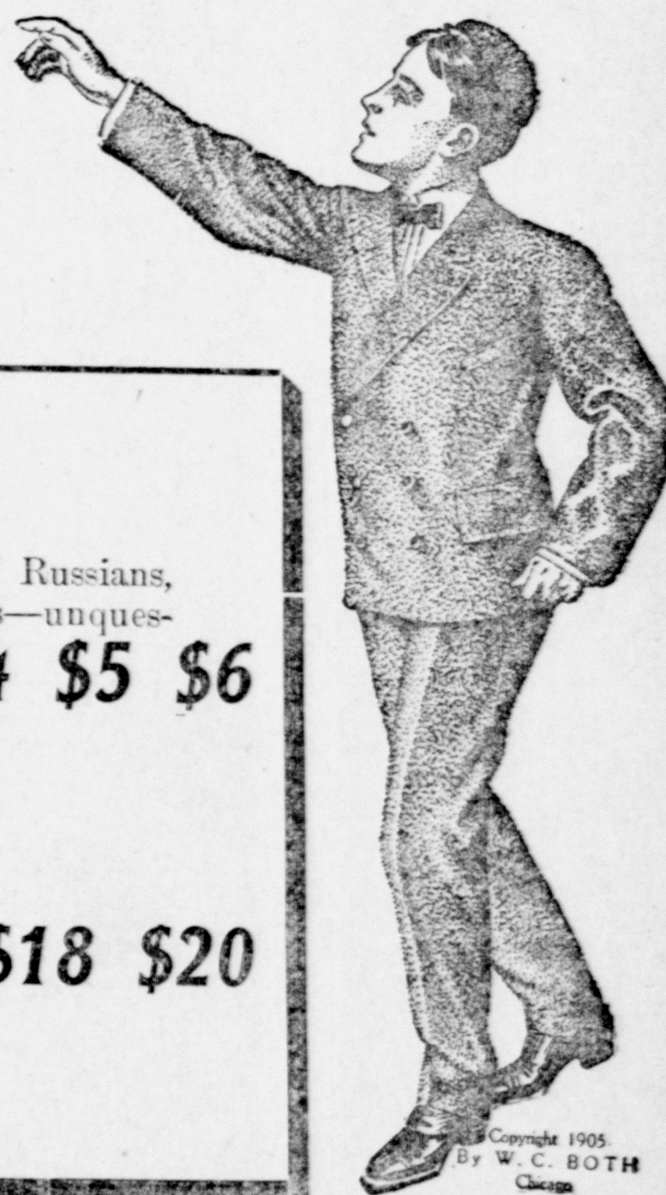
The Boys' Shop

Little Fellows Novelty Suits An unusually tasty display of Russians, in charming colors and patterns—unquestionably the most aristocratic in design in the city—better than other stores care to handle. **\$4 \$5 \$6**

Confederate Grays and Federal Blues

of the Collegiate type of cut. Suitable for youths' upon all occasions. Wide trousers, athletic shoulders—extremely stylish. **\$10 \$12 \$15 \$18 \$20**

You are invited to survey preliminarily our remarkably dainty showing of Children's Wash Suits. \$1.00 to \$6.00.



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Pioneer Band Leader Dead

SHEBOYGAN, Wis., May 16.—Charles Bonniwell, aged 99 years, the oldest resident of Shebogan, and the leader of the first band organized in Wisconsin, is dead at the home of his grandchildren on the south side. The aged musician was the only survivor of the famous Bonniwell band, which was started with six members in 1837 in the town of Mequon, Ozaukee county, and was the first musical organization of Wisconsin as a territory.

Wausau 1, Freeport 0.
FREEPORT, Ill., May 16.—Wausau defeated Freeport 1 to 0. Errors by Freeport's third and first basemen gave Wausau their only run in the seventh. Score:

Wausau0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0—1
Freeport0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0

Batteries—Lee and Householder; Scott and Karnell.

Summary—Struck out, by Lee, 3; by Scott, 4. Bases on balls, off Lee 2.

Go to the Bijou tonight.

L & B Hams are Good hams

Board Wants Handles for Coffins

GREEN BAY, Wis., May 16.—Hereafter the paupers of Brown county will be buried in coffins with handles. The county board at a recent meeting, on the ground that it was inconvenient to handle coffins without handles, increased the appropriation for paupers' coffins from \$5 to \$7.50 each.

SENATOR MERTON BETTER

WAUKESHA, Wis., May 16.—If Senator Ernst Merton's condition continues to improve he will be able to resume his legislative duties next week.

Waller Captain of Track Team

MADISON, May 16.—Frank Waller, Wisconsin's crack quarter-miler, was elected captain of the Wisconsin track team to succeed Breitkreutz. Waller is a sophomore in the university and has run for Wisconsin ever since he entered the university.

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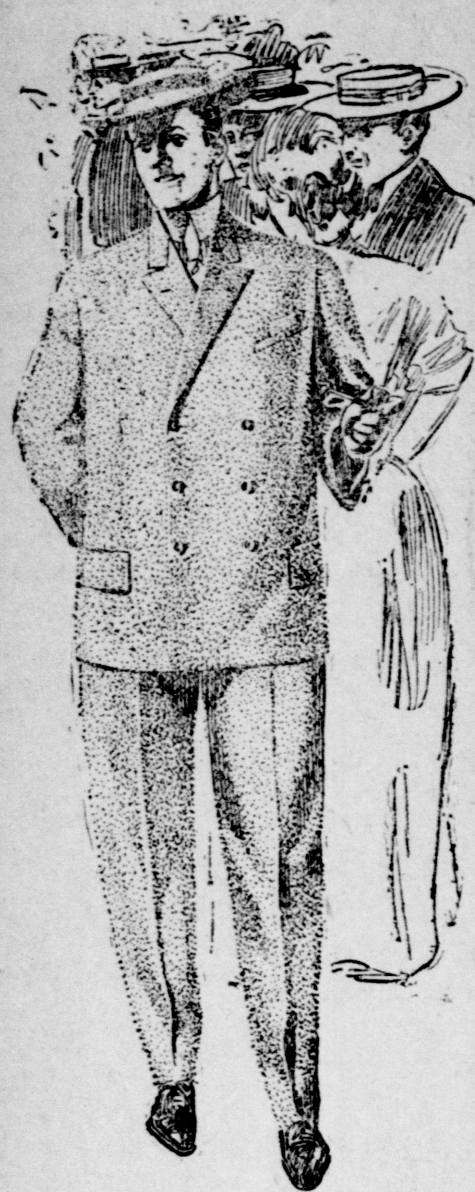
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will be given at the theatre Friday evening, May 19. Mr. Edward A. Kimball, C. S. D., is the speaker chosen for this occasion and he is a member of the board of Christian Science lecturership of the First Church of Christ Scientist in Boston.

Announcement cards have been sent out inviting the public and as is the custom the lecture will be free to all.

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Every "fad" and "fancy" known to fine custom-tailoring you will find in our clothing at \$10 to \$25, and there's not a suit in our store that isn't worth from \$2.50 to \$5 more. At least that's what you'd pay elsewhere for equal quality. For proof of this we ask you to come here and examine our \$10, \$12 and \$15 values.

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three or four button single breasted, built with the new broad shoulders and close-setting collar, artistically tailored throughout; made of all wool chevots, tweeds, and worsteds in the new patterns and colorings, fully worth \$12.50. Our price only..... **\$10**

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NELS THOMPSON, 133 S. 4th

The city's annual tax sale today at the city treasurer's office, was the lightest in the history of La Crosse only \$3,000 worth of tax certificates being disposed of. There were only

about a dozen bidders present and the sale lasted less than an hour. N. C. Bachellor was the largest purchaser, obtaining about half of the certificates.

Dr. Will Powell, diseases of Women.

City Will Sell \$135,000 Bonds

City Clerk Joseph M. Sieger today announced that the city of La Crosse will sell \$135,000 worth of bonds May 26th to the highest bidders. The bonds will include \$100,000. High school bonds, \$20,000 engine house bonds and \$15,000 permanent street improvement bonds.

It is thought that this sale will be one of the liveliest experienced by the city as about a hundred bidders have signified their intention of figuring on the bonds.

BOWEN FILES HIS REPLY

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)
WASHINGTON, May 16.—Former Minister Bowen, this morning, in person, filed with Secretary of War Taft his formal reply to the statement and counter charges made by Assistant Secretary of State Loomis.

SHIP STRIKES MINE OFF PORT ARTHUR

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)
TOKIO, May 16.—The steamer Kilo struck a mine and sank off Port Arthur on the night of May 11th. The crew was rescued and brought to Osaka.

BELLPORT, L. I., May 16.—Kirk Lashed the theatrical manager and playwright, died at his home here today of blood poisoning resulting from an injury to his leg.

Go to the Bijou tonight.

New Arrivals

The first purchase of spring goods being nearly sold we have received and put on sale another new assortment of summer goods.

We need no apology for having sold or offering any of our goods for sale as the quality and prices of same have always compared favorably, excepting a few baits, with any **Special Sale Prices**. The increase in our business is the best proof thereof.

Come and see our
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Mohair lustre suiting at..... **20c yard**
White goods at from..... **7c to 50c a yard**
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Calico samples for quilt patches free.

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Silver never loses in favor for wedding gifts and the quality of the silverware shown here never loses in prestige with those who desire to give the best.

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The Prices Are The Lowest.

The Quality The Best.

Rogers Oat Meal Spoons in
Quadruple Plate,
reg. value 35c **19c**

Silver Plated Salt and Pepper Shakers,
regular value 40c,
per pair **18c**

Cut Glass Salt and Pepper Shakers
in beautiful heavy
cutting, regular
\$1.00 values **69c**

Berry Spoons, shell pattern, gold
plated and embossed bowls
in white silk lined case,
regular value \$1.00 **48c**

Coffee Spoons, new pattern
1-2 dozen in silk lined case
reg. values \$1.50 **75c**

Nickle Plated Nut Cracker
with six nut picks
in case **25c**

Quadruple Plate Cake Baskets, large
sizes, artistic embossed
centers, regular
\$3.00 values **\$1.48**

Quadruple Plated Silver
Baking Dishes, regular
\$5.00 values **\$2.48**

Quadruple Plated Candelabras in
French Gray Finish, Empire design,
holding 3 candles,
regular \$6.00 values **\$3.25**

Quadruple Plated Silver Water-
Pitchers, 14 inches high, all hand
engraved, an excellent
value at \$8.00, **3.98**

Quadruple Plated 9 inch Fruit Bowl
in French Gray Finished border,
gold lining,
regular value **\$3.48**

Combination Sets, consisting of
Berry Spoon, Cold Meat Fork,
Gravy Ladle and Pie Server, all gold
bowls and put in a
nice white case,
regular values \$4.00 **1.98**

Silver Plated Butter Dishes in Satin
finish or French Gray,
regular values **1.98**

Silver Plated Bread Trays in beautiful
floral designs, oxydized borders
regular values **2.48**

SPECIAL

Rogers' Silver Plated Knives and Forks made especially for this department, with 16-dwts of silver plating, the heaviest quantity of silver deposited on any piece of cutlery.

We guarantee every set of these knives and forks and if at any time these show any signs of defective workmanship we will give you a new set or REFUND YOUR MONEY. What better guarantee could you ask.

\$2.98

Gus. Rose, Park Store Jewelry Dept.

VISITING DAYS AT THE SCHOOLS

Friday, May 19th, is the day which has been set aside by Superintendent John P. Bird of the public schools for visiting day at the schools. Invitations have been sent out to all of the parents of children attending the schools inviting them to visit the schools on this day.

This is the second visiting day which has been ordered by the superintendent during the past few weeks. Mr. Bird is very much in favor of these visiting days and it is said by the teachers that they are very effective in convincing parents of the able manner in which the public schools are managed.

Dr. George Powell, consulting physician and surgeon

Umbrellas

Recovered



at

Cordell's

523 Main Street.
Repairing Neatly Done.

DUFFUS STOPS RUNAWAY

A team belonging to the La Crosse Grocery company became frightened this afternoon in front of the company's building on north Front street and proceeded to make things lively in the lower portion of the city.

Dashing madly up Front street to Cass and over Third to Pearl and thence down Pearl they were not stopped until they had smashed up the wagon in capturing them near the Cracker company's plant.

Ex-Health Officer R. D. Murphy has accepted a position with the La Crosse Stone company and will have charge this summer of the city paving contracts.

Get the Bijou habit—you'll enjoy it.

ARMOURS LOSE BIG AMOUNTS ON WHEAT

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)
CHICAGO, May 16.—A bulge of May wheat on the board of trade today is said to have caused a heavy loss to the Armours who were short. The option jumped from 51½ to 54 James A. Patton, the "oat king," is said to be a heavy winner among the longs.

The funeral of Nathaniel Farnum was held this afternoon from the late residence at 114 South Eighth street, Rev. Henry Faville officiating and Miller Bros. in charge.

ONE MAN AND TWO UNCOM- FORTABLE SHOES



**\$3.50
And
\$4.00**

Shoes and Oxfords—blacks, tans and browns—a large assortment..... **\$3.50**

Other Good Makes at Special Low Prices,
\$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00

WM. F. STRAUSS,

320 PEARL STREET. The Sign of the Kangaroo.

Look-
ing
Our
Way

Don't you think it time for you to be looking our way? The coming of summer brings to us new styles in photographic mountings, and now is the time to make us a visit. Remember your promise to your friends. We will help you keep it by making you a dozen of the new style photographs. They will please you as well as every person to whom you send them. Meet us at the studio.

PRYOR

121 N. 4th Street.

Come and See

A complete line of 1905 Bicycles. I SELL—

Ramblers,
Crescents,
Daytons,
Pierce and
Nationals.

If you don't like what you are riding, come and get one you will like. One fitted with Coaster Brake, Spring Fork and Cushion Frame, G. & J. Tires and all the latest appliances. Old wheels taken in exchange.

KING,
The Bike Man,
624 Main Street,
828 Rose Street.

THE TRIBUNE
WANT
COLUMN

FOR SALE.

FAR SALE—Grey Hound pups for sale, warranted good blood, color and size, 2 dogs and 1 female left. Address at once D. P. Stewart, Co. Clerk, Caledonia, Minn.

FOR SALE—17 foot launch, two horse power; five seats. Address, 227 South Eighth street.

FOR SALE—Fine bulldog, taxes paid. Address, Ed Jackel, 1100 South Sixth street.

FOR SALE—Dry oak wood. John Ambrose, 400 Mill street. Old phone, black, 7402.

FOR SALE—A few Light Brahama cockerels. 1835 State street, La Crosse, Wis.

HELP WANTED—FEMALE.

WANTED—Experienced girl; no washing. Southwest corner Sixteenth and Main.

WANTED—Competent girl for general house work, 419 South Fifth street.

WANTED—Girl for general housework at once, 521 Perry.

WANTED—Girl; small family; 815 South Eighth street.

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—Two well furnished rooms, separately or en suite, 236 South Seventh street.

TO RENT—Two furnished rooms in the McDonald flat, cor. Sixth and King streets. New Phone 835 R.

FOR RENT—Desk room; inquire 105 North Third street.

FOR RENT—Storage room, 130 Pearl street.

LOST.

LOST—Dog—black and tan, weight 26 lbs. Answers name Tiny. Reward for return. Notify 1314 Vine street.

TO RENT.

WANTED—To rent deskroom; inquire 231 Main street.

FINANCIAL.

MONEY TO LOAN—Diamonds, watches, etc. Stevens, 510 Main street.

LOANS made salaried people on furniture, pianos, horses, wagons. No mortgage, no publicity. LA CROSSE MORTGAGE & LOAN CO., 822 Main Street, up stairs.

ARCHITECT.

WELLS E. BENNETT
Architect
Room 12, Batavian Bank Building

PLACES LA CROSSE
FOURTH IN
STATE

According to a bulletin of the estimates of the national census bureau for Wisconsin cities having a population of over 10,000 La Crosse comes fourth in line.

According to this La Crosse is accredited with a population of 30,479. This estimate is not exact but it gives a good idea of the increase in population in these cities annually. The figure quoted for La Crosse shows an increase of about 200 since last year.

The table of Wisconsin cities and their population as given by the census bureau is as follows:

Estimated Census.	
Milwaukee	321,450
Superior	38,735
Racine	32,338
La Crosse	30,479
Oshkosh	30,464
Sheboygan	24,426
Madison	22,460
Green Bay	20,628
Marinette	18,063
Eau Claire	17,537
Appleton	16,373
Fond du Lac	16,346
Ashland	14,322
Kenosha	14,181
Janesville	14,125
Wausau	13,594
Manitowoc	13,194
Beloit	12,084

Vought - Berger
to Remain

Announcement has been made by backers of the Vought-Berger company that the concern has decided to remain in La Crosse, and will this summer erect a new factory and plant at its site on the north side. The plans for the new structure are now under preparation and work will begin at once.

The Vought-Berger company, at the present time employs about 75 men constantly and it is proposed to greatly increase this number when the new building is erected.

SNAKES IN
THE BLUFFS

BARABOO, Wis., May 16.—Many parts of Sauk county are still infested with rattlesnakes, they being especially numerous in the Baraboo bluffs, where the granite boulders furnish excellent dens in winter and a safe place for retreat from enemies in summer. On Sunday last Bert Meyers visited some of these dens in Baxter's hollow, where he found the snakes sunning themselves on the stony ledges. With a good, stout club he dispatched thirty-seven of them and saw forty more that escaped. He has killed over 100 so far this season and expects to get many more. There is a growing sentiment in this county in favor of placing a small bounty upon these pests.

Aldermen Want
Gund Sewer

The aldermen signified their willingness to co-operate with the John Gund Brewing company in the proposed sewer extensions in the southern part of the city, at a meeting of the finance committee and board of health held last evening at the city hall.

The Gund company had its representatives at the meeting who explained the proposed plan whereby the company will install the sewer system at a whole cost of something over \$3,000. Of this amount the city of La Crosse will be asked to contribute \$1,000.

WESTERN WASHINGTON
with its vast bodies of timber, affords ample opportunity for the establishment of lumber and shingle mills. The soil when cleared, is exceedingly productive, and fruit, grain and vegetables grow in great abundance. These find a ready market in the lumber camps, the larger cities, and the Alaska trade. Government timber land can still be secured, while cut-over lands, suitable for dairying and truck gardening, can be purchased at reasonable prices along the Northern Pacific railway, between Seattle and Sumas.

For maps and full information regarding this and other other regions along the Northern Pacific railway, ask for Series H302.

Write to
C. W. MOTT, Gen'l Emigration Agent, Northern Pacific Ry., St. Paul, Minn.

HOLLISTER'S
Rocky Mountain Tea Nuggets

A Busy Medicine for Busy People. Brings Golden Health and Renewed Vigor. A specific for Constipation, Indigestion, Liver and Kidney Troubles, Pimples, Eczema, Impure Blood, Bad Breath, Sluggish Bowels, Headache and Backache. It's Rocky Mountain Tea in tablet form, 35 cents a box. Genuine made by HOLLISTER DRUG COMPANY, Madison, Wis. GOLDEN NUGGETS FOR SALLOW PEOPLE

Satisfaction
and
Michel's
Beer

always go together

The
Quality
is
Supreme

The Master Brew of La Crosse

C.&J. MICHEL BREWING CO.

LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN.

The
Quality
is always
the sameSHARPSHOOT-
ERS' SCORES

Following are the scores made Sunday afternoon by the sharpshooters on their French Island range:

A Class.	
J. Mohr	220 65
B Class.	
H. Krenzke	176 62
E. M. Smith	162 48
J. Costley	160 10
E. Ruprecht	145 24
P. McMahon	130 24
W. F. Baker	155 51

Special Scores.
J. Mohr—216, 216.
H. Krenzke—199, 173, 168.

Plow Co. Employees
to Enjoy a Picnic

The celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the formation of the La Crosse Plow company, all of the employees of the concern, together with their wives and families will picnic tomorrow afternoon in Myrick park. The affair has been arranged by the company who will pay all of the expenses connected, including dinner and transportation, and the men's pay will go on for the half day the same

as though they had worked at the plant. Dana's Third Regiment Band has been engaged to furnish music throughout the afternoon, and a program of athletic events and games is now being arranged.

OBSERVE FLAG DAY

Letters have been received in Winona from the American Flag association urging the observance there on June 14th of Flag day. This will be the 128th anniversary of the adoption of the stars and stripes as the flag of the United States. It is desired that the flag be displayed wherever possible and that every flag, no matter how small, be shown. Appropriate exercises are advised in the schools.

THE BURDEN
OF COMPETITION

Although a great many cities have found the double system of telephones service very undesirable, it is doubtful if any place has been more utterly disgusted with the results of competition is this important public utility than Des Moines. When the public clamor for competition in 1896 brought about the establishment of a company to compete with the local Bell company there were made promises of lower rates, better service, free telephones for the city government and a royalty to the city. The net results up-to-date authoritatively stated to have been somewhat lower rates to users of a single service and added expense to business men who require both systems; poor service and confusion caused by the existence of two systems; no free telephones for the city; and no royalty for the benefit of the city. A distinct loss rather than a gain to the community has been the final outcome.

The business men of Des Moines have been forced in order to have telephonic connections with their customers to use both the Mutual and Iowa telephones, are to a man displeased with the double system. One of them said recently:

About the only people who are pleased with the existence of two exchanges are those who have the very cheap Mutual telephones in their residences, but we business men have to pay for pleasing these people because we are forced to put in the second system into our places of business, and our expense for telephones is increased just that much. We were told that competition would force the Iowa company to reduce its rates so that we would be able to have the two instruments for the same amount we were paying for one, but this has not happened. The financial history

of the Mutual company demonstrates that telephones cannot be furnished at its rates without loss to the company. I am a stockholder in the Mutual, but I will gladly tear up my stock if the company will only get out of business."

The experience of Des Moines is the experience of other cities. The telephone industry is one in which competition is inevitably wasteful and

non-productive. Only a monopoly can approach this ideal condition in which any man can stand before any telephone station and call up any other man with whom he may have to do business.

William Elsen of 1,426 Loomis street, who has been ill for some time with inflammatory rheumatism is able to resume his duties again.

Womans
Oxfords

The Smartest, dressiest and handsomest Oxfords that ever graced a pretty foot are here.

New Beauty Points
In Expert
Shoe Making.

The high Cuban and Louis heels, the high arched shank, the narrower toes, lace or the new button style. Hand sewed and turn soles. Finest of vici kid, ideal kid and patent leathers, all widths, all sizes. For style grace and elegance the fashionable woman should come here for her Oxfords.

\$2.50, \$3.00
\$3.50, & \$4.

FRED HEIL & CO.

The Establishment of Good Shoes.

La Crosse
Business
DirectoryM'CALEB'S
SIGNS

LOOK BEST AND WEAR LONGEST

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Real Estate

Farms and wild lands a specialty. City property bought, sold and rented. 325 Main street. Old Telephone 795 La Crosse, Wis.

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TRANSFER LINE.

Carriages, City Dray Line Old Phone 120. Hack Stand—Henry & Frank's Restaurant. Phone orders receive prompt attention. Hard Wood For Sale.

FLATS TO RENT.

City Heat, Electric Light, all modern improvements. From 20 dollars per month and up to \$35.00.

McMillan Bldg.

Room 223

J. B. MURRAY

Staple and Fancy Groceries

Everything good to eat and at prices that are down to date. 1001 La Crosse St. La Crosse Wis.

ELECTRICAL
Machinery Supplies
Construction.

BENTON Phones 173
299 S. Front St.

Railroad Time Tables

CHICAGO, BURLINGTON & QUINCY.
In Effect May 15th, 1904

	LEAVE	ARRIVE
For Prairie du Chien, Dubuque, Chicago, St. Louis, Intermediate points and connections beyond	12:15 night	8:30 a. m.
For Winona, Alma, Prescott, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth, Winnipeg and Northwest	8:30 a. m. 8:09 a. m.	12:15 night 12:19 noon

CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE & ST. PAUL.

	LEAVE	ARRIVE
Chicago, Milwaukee and the East	8:05 a. m. 12:40 p. m. 11:10 p. m. 5:55 p. m.	3:10 a. m. 7:05 a. m. 10:55 a. m. 5:20 p. m.

Dubuque, Rock Island, Omaha and West	a 12:01 p. m. a 3:40 p. m.	a 11:30 a. m. a 4:45 p. m.
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Southern Minnesota Division	a 10:40 a. m. c 7:20 p. m.	a 11:20 p. m. a 8:45 p. m.
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: Daily; a, daily except Sunday; c, daily except Saturday.

CHICAGO & NORTHWESTERN R. R.

	LEAVE	ARRIVE
Chicago, Milwaukee, Madison and East, Duluth and Superior	a 7:50 a. m. a 12:45 p. m. b 10:40 p. m.	b 5:30 a. m. a 12:20 p. m. a 5:30 p. m.
Trempealeau, Galesville, Winona, Owatonna and West	a 5:30 a. m. a 12:20 p. m. b 5:30 p. m.	a 7:50 a. m. a 12:45 p. m. b 10:40 p. m.

References: a, daily except Sunday, b, daily.

KEWAUNEE SHORT LINE

GREEN BAY & WESTERN RAILROAD
— The —
Popular Route
— Between —

Green Bay
Winona
La Crosse
Stevens Point
Grand Rapids
St. Paul
Minneapolis

And all points in the West and Northwest

J. A. JORDAN Gen. Mgr. W. C. MODSETT Gen. Fr't & Pass. Agt. Green Bay, Wis.

GREEN BAY & WESTERN R. R.

In effect June 21, 1903.

Train leaves La Crosse 8:15 a. m. Connects at Marshland with train leaving Winona at 9:15 a. m. Arrives at Merrillan 12:15 p. m., connecting closely with trains north and south on the Omaha road. Connects closely with Wisconsin Central trains at Amherst Junction and arrives at Greer Bay 6:15 p. m. Coming west: Leaves Green Bay 7:30 a. m., Amherst Junction 9:35, Stevens Point 9:25, Merrillan 12:55 p. m., Marshland 3:30 p. m. Arrives at La Crosse 4:40 p. m.

A train leaves Merrillan daily (except Sunday) at 7:40 a. m., arriving at Winona at 11:20 a. m. Leaves Winona at 5:00 p. m., arriving at Merrillan 8:30 p. m.

Go to the Bijou tonight.

LOST \$5,000.00

IN J. J. POEHLING & CO'S STORE.

The Big Stone Building at 4th & Main Streets, La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Reward Paid To Everybody Who Visits This Store

during our great Cost Sale, which will continue until June 1st. This loss has been sustained by us, because we have created the most stupendous Slaughter Sale ever operated in the Northwest for the benefit of the people. We find our stocks superfluous, and are determined to reduce it \$50,000. We find this to be possible, provided we sell our goods at cost and even less than cost of production, on a great many desirable, dependable and seasonable lines. Our enormous sales of the last two weeks, show a loss to us of \$5,000.00. This was given to our patrons. Be one of them and receive your reward.

100,000 DOLLARS WORTH OF DRY GOODS, READY-TO-WEAR APPAREL, ART GOODS, MILLINERY, ETC.,

embracing the best goods made in modern merchandise, will be sold in this store during this month, at cost and less than cost of production. Everything we sell is guaranteed. Money refunded if Goods are not satisfactory.

Visit this store now and obtain your reward by saving a good round sum on your summer supplies, by purchasing your needs at cost and less than cost of manufacture.

---REWARD TOLD BELOW---

Read and figure how much can be saved at the following prices which shall rule during the May Period.

Muslin Underwear

Ladies' corset covers lace and embroidery trimmed, dainty patterns, 25c values at..... **17c**
 Ladies' tucked and hemstitched drawers, 25c values at..... **17c**
 Ladies' corset covers, lace embroidery, trimmed, 35c and 39c values at..... **21c**
 Ladies' corset covers, skirts and chemise, lace and embroidery trimmed, also with tucking and hemstitched, values up to 65c at..... **39c**
 Ladies' corset covers, skirts, gowns and chemise, dainty and elaborate trimmings, worth up to 79c at..... **59c**
 Ladies' corset covers, skirts, gowns and chemise, excellent materials, exquisite trimmings, \$1.00 values at 69c \$1.25 values at..... **79c**
 \$1.50 and 1.75 values at..... **98c**
 \$2.25 and \$2.50 values at..... **\$1.39**
 \$3.50, \$4 and \$5 values at..... **\$2.79**
 A full line of children's and Misses' skirts..... **17c and up**
 Misses' gowns, dainty ones, worth 50c, now only..... **33c**
 This entire line sold at cost and below, all fresh goods, latest styles, best manufacture.
 A full line infants' dresses, skirts and cloaks, exquisite collection, entire lot sold below cost.

Economy Basement

14x22 cotton towels, red border special..... **37c**
 32 inch dyed percales, choice patterns, 10c quality the yard..... **67c**
 36 inch bleached muslin, extra fine yarn, 10c quality, at yard..... **67c**
 1905 spring dress gingham, best quality worth 12c, the yd at..... **84c**
 Men's heavy Jersey overshirt, dark color, \$1.00 values at..... **39c**
 1905 spring dress gingham, new patterns only, 10c quality, yd..... **57c**
 28 inch outing flannels, desirable dark patterns, 6c quality, while they last, yard..... **37c**
 10-4 grey cotton blankets, good weight, 65c value at..... **37c**
 Men's and boys' linen collars, assorted sizes and shapes, 15c val. each..... **2c**
 Special lot torchon laces and insertions, worth up to 12c, yard..... **37c**
 19 in. all linen brown crash, close weave 10c quality, 2 1/2 yd lengths, pr length **19c**
 32 inch fancy ticking, regular 10c grade, special yd..... **67c**

Millinery Section.

Showing the most Comprehensive Collection of Excellent Headwear in the City.

Ready-to-wear Hats, all colors and styles, embracing the Polo, Napoleon and sailors, \$8.00 values at \$4.98, \$3.50 values at..... **\$1.25**
 Exquisite new Sailors in fancy braids and French chip and Milan, \$10.00 values at \$6.75 \$6.50 values at..... **\$2.50**
 Dress Hats, latest modes, the High Back and Charlotte Cor-day, made of fancy straw braid, Moline, Valenciennes laces, also flower turbans and toques, very chic..... **\$4.98**
 Pattern Hats of artistic design, from hands of expert artists they're worth \$30.00, during this sale only..... **\$15.00**
 Children's Hats, pretty, neat and charming, a great showing here, \$8.50 down to..... **98c**
 Our new line of Tuxedo and new mesh veiling are here in all colors and dots, \$1.00 down to..... **19c**

Showing a complete line of baby's headwear at lowest prices.

Linen Section

Wonder why we can sell 72 inch all linen, extra fine bleached damask worth \$1.25 yard..... **69c**
 They will go at the price. Be one of the lucky ones.
 36 inch all linen hemstitched lunch cloths regular \$1.50 values..... **69c**
 20x38 all linen damask towels, hemstitched, a wonder at 35 cents, this sale..... **22c**
 18x15 all linen damask napkins, tied fringed 15 cent number at..... **8c**
 18 inch all linen brown toweling 12c grade per yard..... **7c**

Notions

Silk taffeta, seam binding, all shades, per roll..... **9c**
 Shell hair pins in straight or curved each..... **1c**
 Shell back combs and side combs, 19 cent value at..... **10c**
 Belt buckles in rolled gold and dutch silver worth 50 cents at..... **15c**

Dress Goods and Wash Goods

Read come and see—250 pattern lengths will go at half price. Now stop and think about it.
 30 inch French voile, washable, correct and nobby for shirt waist suits, new designs, 25c quality, the yd..... **17c**
 36 inch all wool, plain or mixed dress goods worth 50 cents, special sale at yard..... **27c**
 36-inch Fancy Mohair, all new and choice, never sold below 50 cents, the yard..... **39c**
 54-inch English Suitings, plaids, fancies and novelty weaves, worth up to \$1.50, now on sale..... **79c**
 Cream and evening shades, plain and popular weaves, all at a big reduction—\$1.49, 98c, 69c, and..... **39c**
 A beautiful collection of Fancy White Goods for Shirt Waists and Summer Dresses, at reduced prices, the yard 38c, 2c, 17c 13c and..... **9c**

Ready-to-Wear Apparel.

One lot Fancy mixed skirts, plain or pleated worth up to \$12.50, at..... **\$3.98**
 One lot black dress skirts, plain or trimmed, round and long lengths, popular cloths, worth up to \$16.50, at..... **\$4.98**
 Others at \$6.98 to \$19.00
 25 Ladies' Suits, brown, tan, blue, and black, worth up to \$20.00, at..... **\$1.98**
 at..... **\$2.98 and**
 35 Ladies Suits, plain colors and mixtures, very desirable silk and satin lined, worth up to \$30, one lot at \$6.98, and one lot at..... **\$4.98**
 The 1905 styles in the new cloths have been reduced to cost, now range from \$13.00 to \$24.50, worth \$18 to \$37.50
 Our entire spring stock of Ladies' tan and black Jackets have been reduced to cost. It will pay you to see them.
 Lot Ladies' and children's winter coats and jackets, silk and satin lined, all colors, worth up to \$30.00 now they go..... **98c**
 at..... **\$4.98, \$2.98, \$1.98 and**
 Ladies' capes, crushed and plain plush, large sizes, values up to \$20, to close..... **\$3.98**
 Our entire stock shirt waists, 50c to \$6.00 values, to be sold at..... **29c**
 at..... **\$2.98 down to**
 Ladies' Wrappers, worth up to \$2.00, light and dark colors, desirable, to close at..... **79c**

Hosiery Section.

Ladies' black and colored lace hose, 25c values, this sale..... **11c**
 Ladies' fast black hose, at..... **3c**
 Ladies' fast black hose, rib or rib top plain or lisle, worth 25c, at..... **13c**
 Ladies' fast black ribbed or ribbed top and plain, also out size and opera lengths also lace, splendid at 25 cents, now..... **19c**
 Children's black ribbed hose 12c values, at..... **9c**
 Children's black hose, ribbed, 25 cent quality, at..... **15c**
 Men's half hose, fast black, seamless, 10 cent values, at..... **5c**
 Men's half hose, fast black, also colored and fancy, worth 25 cents, now..... **19c**
 Infants' hose, black and colored, fancy and plain, regular 25c grade..... **15c**

Knit Underwear Dep't.

Ladies' ribbed vests, white, pink and blue, with or without short sleeves, full taped, 11 cent values, now..... **7c**
 Ladies' ecru and white ribbed vests full taped, 15 cent quality, now..... **9c**
 Ladies' bleached lisle corset covers, short sleeves silk taped and crochet finished, regular 25c value..... **17c**
 Ladies' bleached vests, shaped extra long finest quality, full taped, a hummer at 25 cents, but in this sale, only..... **17c**
 Full line of children's summer underwear at 4c up, or..... **AT COST**
 Men's balbriggan shirts and drawers all sizes, 25c value, at..... **18c**
 Men's balbriggan shirts and drawers, also fancy, all sizes, 50 cent quality, at..... **37c**
 Men's ribbed union suits, extra fine at \$1.00, special now..... **69c**
 Ladies' ribbed vests, long or short sleeve full taped, crocket neck, 17 cent value..... **9c**
 Ladies' fancy ribbed lisle vests, white, pink and blue, a fine seller at 25 cents, special..... **19c**
 Ladies' silk and lisle fancy ribbed vests, silk taped worth 50c, at..... **33c**
 Ladies' lisle shaped vests, extra large 50 cent value, at..... **33c**

The Art Department is showing the advanced ideas and the latest novelties.

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GOODS

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DRY
GOODS

Don't miss seeing our leather goods showing from 17c up to \$3.98. Entire splendid stock sold below cost.

The New Court House

History of the Splendid New Structure and the Men Who Built It

As a monument to the old La Crosse County Board, as a criterion by which can be judged the prosperity and progress of the community, as a masterpiece of the builders art which will be remembered by every visitor to La Crosse, the new court house, will undoubtedly stand without a peer in this section of the state.

Favorable comments are heard on it from every stranger who visits the city, and the building will long continue to be one which will be pointed to with pride by every La Crosse citizen.

Three stories in height, the stately building stands forth impressively against a background enhanced and beautified largely by the park which surrounds it, and it presents an equally attractive appearance from all sides.

EXTERIOR AND CONSTRUCTION.

Its exterior is pleasing in every detail and the construction is such that outside architects and builders come to La Crosse especially for the purpose of examining it.

Built of Portage entry red stone, faced with beautiful raindrop stone

artistically cut and set, mounted on a massive foundation, and topped with an artistically shaped dome, the new court house is one which for many years to come will be looked upon with pride by La Crosse county residents and tax payers.

The building is entered by means of two massive staircases, on the east and west sides. These grand staircases lead to the level of the first floor.

As you enter from the east, you ascend a flight of marble steps which leads to the corridors of the building. A corridor to the right leads to the county judge's office, and one to the left leads to the office of the county treasurer.

The office of the county clerk opens from the grand rotunda and on the right double doors open into the county court room.

OFFICES CONVENIENTLY LOCATED

Spectators in passing from the grand rotunda, face the west entrance, to the right of which a short hall leads to the register of deed's office, while on the left is the office of the clerk of the circuit court.

The offices of the treasurer, county clerk, clerk of court, register of deeds and county judge all have large vaults each of which, except that of the treasurer is two stories in height, the lower story being reached by a spiral iron staircase. A similar iron staircase is also provided for the clerk of the court, so that this official can quickly reach the circuit court room above his office.

PLANS OF SECOND FLOOR.

Now the spectator in retracing his steps to the entrance at the east, finds on either side of the grand staircase by which he entered large marble staircases leading to the second floor. Here a single door to the left brings the spectator into the gallery of the circuit court room, the double doors to which open from the grand rotunda.

At the right of the staircase are toilet rooms and at the end of the short corridor are the rooms of the committees of supervisors. Reached by double doors from the rotunda and by a single door opening into the hall adjoining the committee rooms is the large assembly room of the county board of supervisors.

In the west end of the structure are located the offices of Judge Fruit of the circuit court, the law library, the offices of the county attorney and the jury rooms to the right.

WHITE MARBLE IS USED.

Great quantities of white marble and encaustic tile, which are used elaborately in the construction of the building lend an air of elegance and massiveness which is seldom acquired by the architect in a structure of this class.

The stairs are of white marble, as is the wainscoting to a height of eight feet. The halls, corridor and rotunda walls are wainscotted with pink Tennessee marble, and present a very pretty effects. The threads of the stairs of white marble and the floors of encaustic tile, complete the effect.

PRETTY DECORATING A FEATURE.

The walls above the wainscoting and ceiling have been decorated in delicate shades of green, and imitation onyx used in the columns and pillars lend an air of harmony to the whole.

This is set off by the exterior finish which is of mahoganyed birch, and

A Satisfactory Enterprise

- This section is devoted to the new Court House. That there has been some small criticism of the building is true, and perfectly natural. It never has happened that a structure of this size and importance has been perfectly satisfactory to everybody, the natural divergence of opinion making perfect accord of ideas impossible.
- There has been as little of this talk in connection with the new court house as in any instance in La Crosse county in which a large building was erected, and the fact of overwhelming importance is that a badly needed structure has been acquired and that it gives satisfaction so general as to justify the expression "universal."
- The building was ordered after a conflict between the county and the city members of the county board that extended over many years. Gradually the country sentiment changed, and at last the country members cooperated with the city men giving valuable assistance in planning and erecting the courthouse.
- The new hall of justice eclipses anything of the kind in cities of this size in the northwest.

windows of the clearest polished plate glass.

On the ground floor are the offices of the county sheriff, coroner, poor superintendent, surveyor, county physician, county superintendent of schools and tax commissioner, a detention cell and toilet rooms. Boiler rooms and heating apparatus are located in the north section.

This new building is the third which has been used in La Crosse county for circuit court purposes, and is the final gratification of the wishes of La Crosse barristers for many years.

FIRST LA CROSSE COURTROOM

The first La Crosse county court room was in 1851 at the residence of the Hon. John M. Levy at the corner of Front and Pearl streets, where later the old International hotel was erected. Here court convened for the first time May 27, 1851. The court

which was held by old Judge Knowlton, was established in the front parlors of the house and Robert Looney was its clerk.

ORIGINAL BUILDING ERECTED

This building was used for court purposes until 1852 when the original La Crosse County Court House was erected on what is now the court house square. It was a little frame structure located on the west side of the square and was heated by means of a sheet iron stove. The building was built with funds raised by subscription, and was used for court purposes until 1867 when the second structure was built.

This stood until 1903 when it was demolished to make room for the present magnificent structure. It was built of cut stone and cost about \$40,000.

The new structure just finished,

which was dedicated by the opening of the circuit court room May 2, cost the county in round numbers something over \$175,000.00. It is said to be the most magnificent court house of its size in the northwest, and will stand for many years a monument to the many La Crosse county barristers who have lived during the last century to fight legal battles in the three structures that have stood on the old court house square.

PRODUCT OF LOCAL INDUSTRY.

This magnificent building, is a product as for a possible, of local industry. Local architects planned the structure, local contractors received the general contract in competition with larger contractors from outside the city, and those local contractors again employed sub contractors from

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THE Goerflinger PARK STORE

Supremacy Of Our Store.

Here is the point on which the supremacy of our store hinges. However unprecedented the price, the reliability of the goods and the truth of every statement made, may be depended upon absolutely. We are buying headquarters for economical shoppers.

Wedding Gifts.

Your especial attention is called to our magnificent line of appropriate wedding gifts. To tell you all about what we have would be a long story and can be better told if you come to our store and see all the pretty things. Look over our line of—

Dinner Sets, Jewelry, Furniture, Cut Glass, Silverware, Draperies.

You'll be more than pleased.

FINE SHOES AND OXFORDS.

This sale has never had an equal in La Crosse Shoe selling, because we doubt that such splendidly made shoes were ever offered at these prices.

\$4.00 Men's patent colt, mat top, at.....	\$2.98
\$3.50 Men's patent colt Oxfords, button and lace.....	\$2.59
\$3.50 Ladies' patent colt, Blucher, Goodyear welt, Price only.....	\$2.59
\$3.50 Ladies' patent Oxfords, button and lace—Price only.....	\$2.59

SPLENDID VALUES IN FINE MILLINERY.

Becoming, stylish, practical hats, a big variety of styles to be placed on sale. A beautiful array of fashionable ideas in up-to-date Millinery at prices within the reach of all.

Hats worth \$5.00 and \$6.00, on sale, at.....	\$2.98
Another lot of still better quality that are worth up to \$9.00, are put on sale only at.....	\$3.98
Foliage at.....	19c
Roses at.....	18c

LACE DEPT. SPECIALS.

18 inch Corset Cover embroideries with beading edges, 30c values, especially priced per yard.....	25c
Valenciennes, round mesh lace, 2 1/2 inch wide, 10c value, priced at.....	5c
Porch Pillow Covers, tinted and worked, washable linen, ready-to-slip in the pillow, 65c values, on sale at.....	39c

HOSIERY.

One lot of Children's fine ribbed and boys' heavy ribbed hose, all fast black and seamless, values to 25c, choice.....

UNDERWEAR.

Children's ribbed vests, crocheted trimmed, assorted sizes.....	3c
Children's Ribbed Vests, bleached, taped, 10c value.....	7c
Children's long sleeved summer vests, 15c value, at.....	10c
Misses' umbrella pants, lace trimmed, good 15c value at.....	7c
Better qualities of Underwear for Boys or Girls, at 15c, 19c, 25c up to.....	50c

DRESS FABRIC SPECIALS

Unparalleled Values.

50 pieces Imported Organdies, and French Ginghams, an exceptional value at per yard.....	19c
150 pieces fine Batiste, Madras, imported Voiles and fine dress ginghams, an excellent assortment at per yard.....	15c
50 pieces Imported Fancy Madras, and 56 inch Sentole for Shirt Waist suits, regularly sold at 18c per yard, sale price.....	10c
100 pieces fine dress ginghams and double-fold percales, regularly sold at 12c, specially priced at.....	7c

BOYS' WASH SUITS

Up From 49c

Wash Suits that look right and will give the necessary amount of good wear.

The largest assortment of Buster Brown, Eaton, Norfolk and Russian styles, also plain and striped Sailor Blouses, prices range up from.....

Boys' Brownie Overalls in blue or black, all sizes, 25 cent values, at.....	15c
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Great May Sale of Muslin and Cambric Underwear.

Gowns--In Muslin and Cambric—latest styles—remarkable values, prices—

49c, 59c, 69c, 79c, up to \$5.00

Corset Covers--The kind that fit—the style that suits—prices—

19c, 25c, 35c, 49c, 75c, 98c to 2.98

Skirts--Every good style—excellent in quality—prices—

50c, 69c, 75c, 98c up to \$8.00

Drawers--Properly cut and made, good quality—prices—

25c, 35c, 49c, 75c, up to \$3.30

In Connection with this Sale we offer Unparalleled Bargains in Following Goods

Ladies' Wrappers

And Kimonos—Sample lines from the best makers, all the new and choice Japanese effects

75c to \$5.00

Dressing Sacques

In Lawns, crepes, percales, etc., better and kimona styles, prices are only—

29c to \$2.75

Girls' Dresses.

New and attractive Styles—made of the best wash materials—prices—

25c to \$9.98

Aprons.

A splendid collection of Aprons for Misses or mistresses, white or colored, prices—

19c to 98c

Infants Wear.

Everything for the baby including the celebrated Arnato Goods and the—

Leavy Dresses

ON SALE IN THE GREAT READY-TO-WEAR SECTION--

ON THE SECOND FLOOR—TAKE THE ELEVATOR.

ECONOMY DEPT.

Boys' Straw Hats 5c

An immense line of these hats of this season's make.

Boys' and Girls' Hats 25c

Regular 50c values are offered in this lot at this special price.

Misses' and Children's Trimmed Hats

A beautiful assortment ranging in price from 39c to \$1.50

PICTURE DEPT.

See our immense line of Pictures 15x19, popular subjects, worth up to \$1.00, on sale at.....

29c

Another lot in assorted frames and subjects, very pretty, size 22x28, regular \$1.50 value, on sale at.....

68c

First Class Framing and Mounting at very Low Prices.

WALL PAPER

Special Lot—Suitable for Bedrooms, all patterns in full combinations, sides, ceilings and borders, at the extreme low 2c price, per double roll only.....

2c

Another Lot—Including the finest assortment of every conceivable color and design in full combinations at prices ranging up from per double roll at only.....

5c

Special Lot—Suitable for Parlor or Library, dble roll 10c

GROCERIES

Granulated Sugar Cane 50c
8 lbs for.....
Cocoanut—Shepps 12c
shredded, lb.....
Salt—Finest Table, 22c
28 lb sack.....
Pepper—Pure ground 25c
Black lb.....
Starch—Large Lump, 25c
7 lbs for.....
Rice—Whole Carolina, 25c
10c quality, 4 lbs for.....
Roller Oats—Finest 25c
white, 9 lbs for.....

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Cut stone furnished by us for the following:

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Tower Bay Slip,
Superior, Wis.

**SEND YOUR PLANS
FOR ESTIMATES.**

the slate work on the cupola a difficult and trying task, requiring skill and efficiency. It is very well done, indeed, as was all the work of Mr. Tausche. The iron, copper and tin work is of exceptionally high grade, and the tax payers of the county can rest assured that, no matter what befall, there never will be any trouble with it. It is serviceable and artistic, and calls for congratulations.

MAYOR TORRANCE ASSISTS.
The iron work was in charge of Mayor William Torrance. The importance of this contract will be fully appreciated when we recall that in this fireproof building the chief materials are iron and stone. The Torrance foundry is one of the largest and busiest in this section, and it handled its portion of the work swiftly and accurately. The building is supported and trussed in a remarkable and if it is not the Rock of Ages it is not the fault of Mayor Torrance.

THE GREAT CLOCK SYSTEM.
The clock system of the county courthouse was put in by the Johnson Service company of Milwaukee. This concern secured the contract after lively competition with three other companies. The system is known as the Pneumatic Air System it comprises the magnificent clock on the dome of the building, with which are connected and operated by a single system "secondary" clocks in each of the rooms of the court house.

The building committee of the county board spent many hours in a searching investigation of the merits of the various systems that entered into competition, and after much letter writing then decided from the endorsements received that the Johnson Service company had by far the best clock proposition on the market. The company is the patentee of a number of valuable systems of heating and humidity regulation that are in common use. It is the leading house of its kind in the world, manufacturing extensively and constantly bringing out new ideas that add to the comforts and conveniences of life.

SUPERIOR STONE.

The stone was furnished by the Lake Superior Stone Company, whose work is to be commended. The cut stone used was of superior quality, and that portion of the material has proved the most gratifying success. The use of the product in the courthouse will do much to make a market for the stone in this locality, where the officials of the company have made many friends and where the stone has attracted favorable comment.

PEORIA'S GOOD WORK.

The interior stone and marble work was done by the Peoria Stone & Marble Works. The material challenges competition, and the workmanship is faultless. This company is a leader in its line, among its latest contracts being that to furnish the interior marble work for the new Chicago postoffice, a job that is now in working. The Chicago National Bank

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THIS COMPANY FURNISHED
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MARBLE WORK FOR THE LA
CROSSE COURT HOUSE.

COURTHOUSE

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this city who did the special work.

THE ARCHITECTS.

The plans for the new building were prepared by Architects Shick & Roth. They were awarded the contract for the plans in competition with outside architects, and their masterly execution of the work has been a matter of comment among builders over this entire section of the country. Architects from the entire Northwest have visited La Crosse for the purpose of going through the courthouse as it embraces the most modern and scientific principles of the builders' art.

The entire central rotunda is suspended from truss work which puzzles builders unacquainted with the principles from which it is hung, and every part of the structure is thoroughly trussed up by invisible steel trusses. Soon after the completion of the structural work, the architects in company with a number of outside builders interested, and a committee of the County Board tested the structural work of the building, and the floors stood a test of 400 pounds to the square foot without a sag of a sixteenth of an inch.

The building is of the latest fire-

proof construction, not a stick of timber entering into its composition.

NELSON A LOCAL MAN.

The general contract was let by the County Board to Contractor Peter Nelson of the North Side, one of the most competent builders in the state. Under the immediate supervision of Supervisor A. C. Kaylor of the County Board, Contractor Nelson carried out his contract to the letter and to the complete satisfaction of the architects and building committee who made daily inspections of his work. The best of material was used throughout as specified by the architects, and in some instances even better material was used than seemed necessary at the time. As a result the new building is one which is calculated to stand longer than the ancient Greek and Roman masterpieces have stood, and the contractor has built himself a monument which will perpetuate his memory through ages and centuries to come.

TECHMER'S WORK.

The stone work in the structure was sub let by Contractor Nelson to Frank Techmer of this city, who did all the brick and stone work above the basement, Contractor Wit having that below to accomplish. Mr. Tech-

mer has participated in the erection of some of La Crosse's largest buildings. Mr. Techmer's execution of his work was without a flaw and favorable comment has been made upon the masterly manner in which it was handled, in spite of difficulties which arose from time to time in the securing of material and labor.

SEGELKE & KOHLHAUS.

Segelke & Kohlhaus, the largest concern of its kind in Wisconsin, and undoubtedly one of the leading manufacturers of mill work and interior finishers, furnished the mill work and did the interior finishing, Contractor Nelson assisting him.

The concern profiting with many years of experience in the finishing of public buildings, and aided by a careful study of similar structures, have executed their masterpiece. In no court house in the United States can be found work superior, and in very few can be found work as neat and harmonious as the woodwork in the new structure. Perfect workmanship to the finest detail, perfect harmony throughout the building, and neatness and style in pattern are features of the work which cannot escape even the casual observer.

Molzahn & Lyone, the contractors for interior plastering, are leading plasterers of this city. They make a specialty of executing large contracts in the very latest manner and their work is carried out on thoroughly scientific principles. In the new building, only the finest grade of abramant fireproof plaster was used and their work has been the subject of much favorable criticism and is work to which they can for many years point with pride, as a specimen of their ability.

OYEN'S FINE WORK.

One of the first things which will appeal to the visitor, however, as he now enters the completed building and visits the different offices and rooms, is the artistic and pleasing interior decorating.

This part of the work was done by Odin J. Oyen, one of the leading interior decorators of the state, to whom was left the entire matter of designing and decorating. Mr. Oyen's work is indicative of the advance of the decorator's art in recent years.

The color scheme is pleasing to the eye, and embodies the latest scientific principles with regard to shades, which renders it very resting to the view. Officials now located in the building say that the peculiar blend of shades is not tiresome, as is most interior decorating, but on the contrary restful to the eyes and at the same time a credit to the structure.

SKILLED ARTISTS IMPORTED.

In the carrying out of his contract, Mr. Oyen engaged only the most skilled artists, several of whom were graduates of the art schools of Europe and had studied under the leading masters.

The designs are masterpieces of proportion and execution. Several of them have been reproduced by outside firms and will undoubtedly be of great value as an exemplification of the class of work which La Crosse artists can turn out.

HEATING AND VENTILATING.

The heating and ventilation systems which are of the latest and most approved patterns for public buildings, were installed by the Fetter-Baker Niebuhr company of La Crosse, in competition with a number of local and outside firms. That their work has given satisfaction and has proved itself without flaw in either workmanship or construction has developed from the fact that the heating system was used throughout the most severe part of the past winter and gave very good satisfaction, no trouble of any kind being experienced.

PLUMBING IS FAULTLESS.

The plumbing was done by Thill & Lapitz, one of the leading plumbing concerns of this city. The work has shown itself to be without fault in every detail and is a credit to the contractors who installed it.

TAUSCHE'S PART

All the tin, iron copper, galvanized iron and slate work in the building was done by Vincent Tausche Hardware company. The importance of this work is considerable, as the careful observer will see on an inspection of the building. Particularly

building, and the National Life building of Chicago are among the other recent jobs that this strong company has handled. The Chicago postoffice building work now in the hands of the Peoria people calls for the payment of over \$400,000, and is the largest interior stone and marble job ever let in the western country. That building is already recognized as the world's model of magnificent interior stone finish.

THE MENEELY BELL.

The great bell was furnished the Meneely Bell Company, of Troy, N. Y. This is the largest and finest bell in this section of the country, and aside from being a work of art is rich in tone and of a very penetrating quality.

Half Rates to Annual Meeting German Baptist Brethren, Bristol, Tennessee.

Via the Northwestern Line. Excursion tickets will be sold at one fare for round trip May 31 to June 2, inclusive, with favorable return limits. Apply to agents Chicago & Northwestern Ry.

DEADLY CABBAGE WORM A REALITY, SAY FARMERS

Much alarm has been occasioned in the vicinity of Edina Mills, Wisconsin, according to the latest telegraphic reports on account of the discovery there of a small worm or fly which the discoverers maintain is the cabbage worm which they last year were unable to convince the kraut loving population of this country was so dangerous.

According to the latest reports Entomologist Washburn of the state experimental station has been dispatched to the Mills to see what the nature of the insect really is.

The small insect and pupae are found in the soil surrounding the roots of last year's cabbage growth, and farmers on turning up the field in these places have discovered them in much greater numbers than last year

when they first made their appearance and when it was alleged several were poisoned as a result of eating cabbage containing the deadly worms.

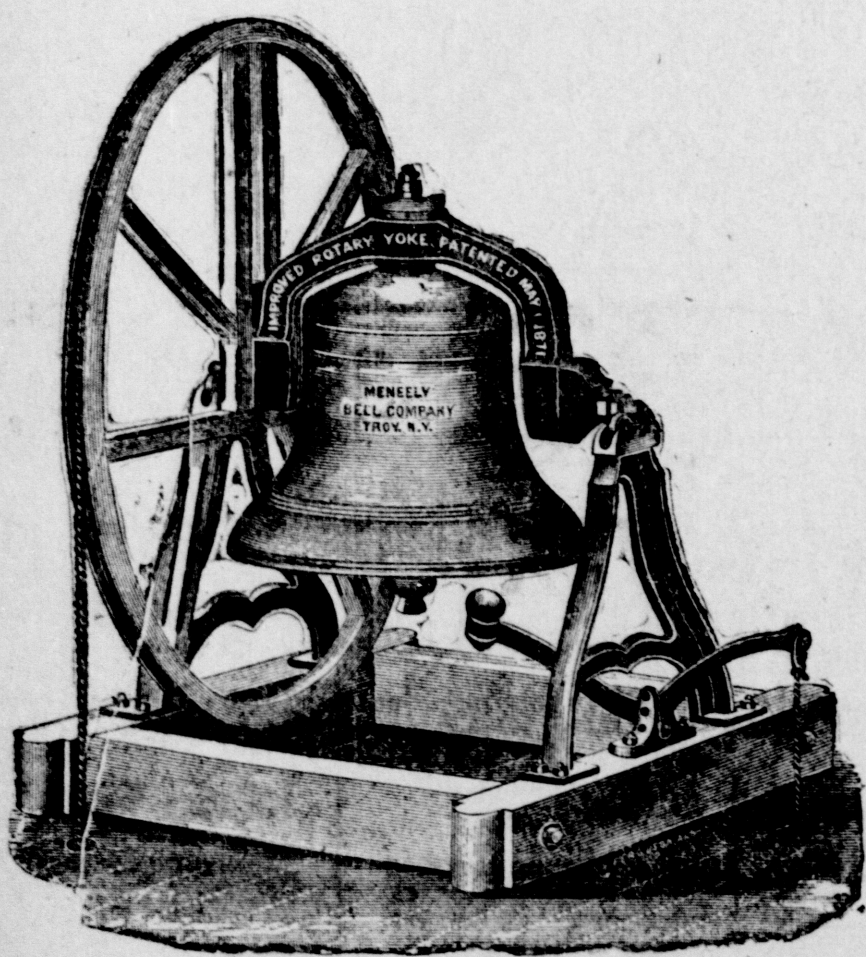
The inhabitants of the district are now impatiently awaiting the decision of Entomologist Holmes, and many have refused to raise cabbage this year.

A peculiar thing in connection with the pupae is that they will not attack any other kind of fruit or vegetables, but seems to thrive on the roots of the cabbage.

The Tribune stands for Greater La Crosse—no other newspaper in La Crosse does.

Dr. George Powell, consulting physician and surgeon.

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We suggested, designed, made and erected the GREAT FLORAL CLOCK at the St. Louis World's Fair.

Main Factory and Office, Milwaukee, Wis.

LIGHTING

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Crosse Gas & Electric company, was in progress, Col. Lush came out one morning with an editorial suggesting that there was a chance for merchants and capitalists desiring to invest, to get into the lighting and power business. He suggested, in short, a competing company, that would ask for and accept a reasonable franchise. Next day Roland B. Gellatt copied this article in the Daily Press, and endorsed it, and straightway began to work for the accomplishment of the purpose outlined. At this time W. E. Deorflinger was in the act of erecting a private plant for his Park Store; he became interested, made a liberal subscription to the stock, and with his weight thrown against the wheel the new company soon became a reality.

Not only did R. B. Gellatt push the organization, but as he became a stockholder, as did also his brother, Filo M. Gellatt, who is now secretary and manager of the Light Trust, Col. Lush declined to take any stock. He gave the matter careful thought, but finally refused on the ground that, having lead the fight against the old company, his motives might be misconstrued. He preferred, he said, the confidence of the public to the excellent opportunities to make money presented in the new enterprise. Mr. Gellatt displayed no such pretty sentiment, eagerly taking his chances. He saw money in the deal—doubtless saw money that none of his associates then saw, though all the people have since seen it—and he became president of the new Central Electric company, while his brother became secretary and manager.

During all this time Roland B. Gellatt had been building for himself a high place in the hearts of the citizens of La Crosse. He had the implicit confidence of the merchants and stockholders. So blind was their faith that they left the business practically in his hands, permitting him and his brother to equip the new plant as they saw fit, trusting them to select and install modern machinery that would give them an advantage in competing with the old company, and leaving every detail of the business to him. It was this unswerving faith in an individual that made possible the sensational doings that followed and resulted in the slaughter of Central Electric, in a new Light Trust, The Tribune and finally the Wisconsin Light & Power company, the new plant now building.

With competition there came to La Crosse about two years of cheap light and power—and of prosperity. Manufacturing increased rapidly, and things lived up materially. The Central Electric seemed prosperous, enlarging its field and declaring two dividends on its capital stock.

CHAPTER 3.

Getting Control of the Newspapers For Corporation Purposes

During the time these things were occurring, there came an important change in the newspaper situation in La Crosse, a change that made possible the astounding "finish" of the Central Electric company. Gored by the merciless pen of Col. Lush, whom they said had cost them \$250,000 by defeating their new franchise and creating the Central Electric concern, the Cargill interests bought the Chronicle, to "hush it up." They offered Mr. Lush \$7,000 for it, and as La Follette had been elected and he had accepted a state appointment at Madison, Mr. Lush jumped at the chance to get rid of his fast sinking property at a price representing a profit of 100 per cent on his original investment. So the La Crosse Gas & Electric interests owned the morning paper. Shortly thereafter Mr. Gellatt bought the Finch paper, the old Republican and Leader, merging it with the Press under the name of the La Crosse Leader-Press. Thus all the English papers in the city came under the control of Mr. Gellatt and Mr. Cargill. The time was ripe for the execution of the plot.

CHAPTER 4

The "Deal" by Which Central Electric was Wiped Out

"Have you heard about it?" "It can't be true, they wouldn't dare!"

"Mr. Gellatt wouldn't do a thing like that!"

"It's true, just the same, I was at the meeting!"

Nearly two years had elapsed since the formation of the Central Electric company. Everything has moved in its satisfactory and accustomed rut. Businessmen were on good terms, and there was hand shaking and harmony and prosperity in the community. Then suddenly on a certain memorable morning, men sidled up to each other mysteriously, and questions and comments like those at the beginning of this chapter were whispered on the streets. What was it, this thing that angered and horrified men? What deed had been done under cover of night that made friend distrust friend and raised the business public to this keen pitch of excitement?

THE CENTRAL ELECTRIC COMPANY HAD BEEN LEASED TO THE LA CROSSE GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR TEN YEARS; AGAIN A LIGHT TRUST HAD BEEN FORMED; COMPETITION HAD BEEN ELIMINATED!

But why were stockholders angry?

Surely they must have been parties to the transaction.

Just a few of them had. Quietly, persistently, effectively, Roland B. Gellatt and a few associates had gone to work to gather up a majority of the stock in a few hands. That done these few held a quiet little meeting, a meeting of which an overwhelming majority of the stockholders had no notice, and VOTED TO LEASE THE INDEPENDENT PLANT TO THE OLD LIGHT TRUST. Legally, these men were beyond the reach of the law; they had the majority of the stock, but opposed to this handful of men were the interests of about fifty who were not even given a hearing, before their property was taken from them.

The most astonishing part of this is the fact that not a single word was printed about it. The conspirators owned the English papers, and they had not the courage to face the public with a printed confession of what they had done. Journalistic ingenuity could invent no way to so sugar-coat the pill that the people would swallow it, and it is an uncontrollable fact that no public defense of that remarkable transaction has been attempted to this day, while the most scathing arraignment of the deal has been met by the silence of the grave. But after all, what else could have been done?

The leases had to be ratified, and following a period of lively interviews in which some of the spiciest incidents in the annals of the town occurred, a meeting was called for that purpose. It also was scheduled as a "quiet" affair, but it turned out to be a warm session. The outraged stockholders were present, some of them represented by attorney. The men associated with Mr. Gellatt in the first meeting were mostly absent, but he had their proxies, and was prepared to comply technically with the law in forcing the transaction through.

Immediately after the call to order, the pot began to boil. Members pleaded, exhorted, threatened, but R. B. Gellatt sat through it as stoically as an Indian. Insults were hurled in his teeth, he was charged with double dealing and dishonesty, but he never flinched or wavered from his purpose. White to the temples, William F. Wolfe, his close friend and warm admirer, arose and appealed to him, and when that failed, launched into an oration the language of which must have made the walls ache, but all to no purpose.

Then the betrayed men rose and left in wild rage, while the remaining few ratified the lease that as effectively destroyed the Central Electric plant and equipment as if a fire had swept it in smoke and cinders out over the sandy plains of the Gateway City. AND AGAIN NOT ONE WORD WAS PRINTED ABOUT THE AFFAIR.

The one defense to the transaction was that the deal was forced by what was represented as the threatened insolvency of the Central Electric company; but three months previous it had paid its second dividend, and to this day no man has arisen to explain how an insolvent concern could regularly pay fat dividends up to within three months of its failure.

It was said further on behalf of the Gellatt faction, that they had made a bargain by which, in ten years, the stockholders would get their money back, the lease calling for a ten per cent payment yearly. However, it now develops that whenever one of these payments is due the stockholder is informed that the money has been utilized to pay old obligations owing by the Central Electric company. So, in effect, the stockholders will not get even this excuse for a settlement of their claims.

One of the most puzzling, and as yet unanswered, questions that has been asked is based upon the following circumstance: Not long before the "deal" was made, it came authoritatively to the ears of the stockholders that the Cargill-McMillan concern had offered \$100,000 for the Central plant. This was declined by the officers, although it represented a profit of 100 per cent on the original investment. How, it is asked, can the officials who refused to take 200 per cent for the plant at this time, explain their action in accepting ninety days later 100 per cent strung into ten payments of ten per cent each during a period of ten years? And nobody has answered, and everybody thinks that the majority lost the chance to make 100 per cent profit because somebody made more than 100 per cent.

Of course the leasing of the property rendered it of no value. Its good will, and its business relations, formed a large part of its value. Were its stockholders to receive it back at the end of ten years, this value would be gone, and only scrap iron rates could be got for the equipment. Perhaps this was appreciated with a grim smile by those who engineered the deal when they displayed their keen sense of humor by making a printed proposal to the objecting stockholders to cancel the lease, give the plant back to them and let them run it. That was the final thrust of the man whom La Crosse had trusted with a childlike confidence.

But finally, the strangeness of this remarkable transaction gradually resolved itself into a simple proposition. It transpired that the real secret had been held back. People began to discover little facts and circumstances, and by piecing this and that together, the stockholders arrived at some very definite conclusions. To begin with, it was learned that the "first class, modern and efficient" machinery that Mr. Gellatt had put into the plant was more antiquated and expensive to operate than that in the plant with which the Central had to compete. That looked like still another "deal," but of course the facts cannot be determined.

The cat was out of the bag entirely, however, when it became known that a number of gentlemen associated with Mr. Gellatt in the leasing of the Central purchased \$5,000 each of the preferred stock of the La Crosse Gas & Electric, AND THAT EACH OF THEM WAS GIVEN \$40,000 WORTH OF LA CROSSE GAS & ELECTRIC COMMON STOCK FOR WHICH NO TANGIBLE CONSIDERATION PASSED. Some of this stock has since been sold to confiding parties, although it is regarded as worthless by well informed men. The sale of most of it was prevented by its exposure in The Tribune.

CHAPTER 5

Betrayed, despoiled of their property, the multitude of minority stockholders went back to their affairs, awaiting developments that they felt would surely follow. They had not long to wait. The prices of lighting and power, or rather the BILLS for lighting and power, jumped like a meteor against the black background of a midnight sky. To say that prices soared is putting it mildly, and no wonder. For the good people of La Crosse were now to pay for the luxury of having "high financiers" in their midst.

When all the old lighting and power companies were bought up by the Cargill-McMillan crowd, there were brought together plants the aggregate value of which was approximately \$300,000. Upon this property was issued stock to the extent of \$600,000. Enough of this stock was sold to pay up all the expense to which the promoters had been put in buying up the property, the balance remaining in their hands as pure "velvet," meaning to them as many dollars as they could get out of it. Then to "double shoot the turn," the promoters bonded the property for an additional \$600,000. This was probably all profit. Finally the Central Electric with its \$100,000 capitalization was acquired. That made a total of \$1,300,000 upon which the people of La Crosse were expected to pay dividends and interest. Is it any wonder that the cost of lighting and power jumped, when the people of La Crosse were to be compelled to pay 6 per cent on \$1,300,000 as an income to

property worth barely \$300,000? But that is what they were to do, and what they have done, if the Light Trust is to be believed. Only thirty days ago a pamphlet was issued by the company and printed in The Tribune, in which it was shown that an extortionate profit had been made, figures showing about 6 per cent on the watered capitalization of \$1,300,000, or 5 per cent on the actual investment of \$300,000.

CHAPTER 6.

Then came the demand for a new paper. Not one word had been uttered by the Leader-Press or the Chronicle in explanation or defense, the most accusing silence being maintained. No confession of guilt could have been stronger, but it is in little things like this that the most accomplished veterans of the "high finance" game fall into error. R. B. Gellatt had made the mistake of his life. Had he published his version in detail, defending it, concealing nothing even to the dogs of the cup the people had been made to drink, there would have been no Tribune, no new light company. The crafty scheme would have won out, and a disappointed public would have taken its medicine.

But the guilty silence of the papers more than anything enraged the people. They held a meeting, at which W. E. Barber, then manager of the Chronicle, but not in sympathy with the game it secreted, was invited to be present. They asked him to co-operate with them in starting a new paper—a paper of the people that would dare to print the news. Mr. Barber asked his associates on the Chronicle if they would go with him, and every man he invited said most emphatically "yes," for they were tired of working under conditions that made honest journalism impossible.

Then was seen the extraordinary spectacle of an 8-page daily newspaper started on thirty days notice. Preparations were rushed, the equipment, including Mergenthaler outfit, advertising material and a full paraphanelia for an up-to-date newspaper, being ordered by wire and hurried to La Crosse in time that broke all records. Forty days after the first share of stock was subscribed by the merchants and businessmen of La Crosse, this paper began its career. The first issue appeared on the 16th of May, and the whole community was surprised. With the small investment made, and the hurried preparations, it had been expected that the management would be unable to get out a paper that could compete on its merits with the other English dailies. To the surprise and delight of the public, however, The Tribune was recognized from its first number to be the cleanest, snappiest and most metropolitan paper in the city. It has main-

tained that reputation, and is constantly improving. It outsells its evening competitor, the Leader-Press, two to one on the street, and in the city it claims without dispute as much circulation as the other two English dailies combined. It is prepared to prove this claim, and has challenged and still challenges a checking up of circulation with them. They dare not accept this offer.

CHAPTER 7.

Organizing the Wisconsin Light & Power Company

But The Tribune was begun for a purpose. Its first duty was to relieve the people of La Crosse from the burden imposed upon them by the Lighting monopoly. From its first issue it began agitation for a new plant, and its first thought was for a municipal plant that would do commercial lighting. Examination of the law, however, disclosed the fact that, having granted a franchise to a private company, the city would have to take over that company's property at its appraised valuation and assume all its obligations. That meant that the city must pay \$1,300,000 for property

actually worth no more than \$300,000, in order to enter the commercial lighting business. Plainly this was out of the question.

Dropping the municipal plant idea, The Tribune went heart and brain into the plan of interesting private wealth in a project to secure a new independent lighting plant for this city. It was slow work, and many were the disappointments and pitfalls, but finally things began to move. Capital was interested, the field was canvassed and ultimately a new company controlled by local capital was organized and capitalized for \$200,000. Its immediate purpose was the erection of a modern alternating current system electrical plant. Plans were adopted, contracts let, and now, just one year from the day on which this paper started there is in process of construction a modern manufactory of electricity of the most approved pattern. It's equal does not exist in the entire northwest. It proposes to manufacture electricity at 1 cent per 1,000 watts, 1-3 the cost of the Light Trust; to distribute the current with a maximum loss from the wires of 5 per cent, 1-6 the loss encountered by the Light Trust. It will save about \$13,000 a year in method of operating over the cost met by the Light Trust, and will furnish light and power to the people of this city at figures that will mean a saving of thousands of dollars annually to the public.

MEANS MANY FACTORIES.

One of the strongest features of this situation is what it means to La Crosse as a manufacturing center. Electricity is growing more and more to be the power of the factory. The new plant will create power at a cost that will invite little factories to the city, and in this alone the Tribune's work means great things to the city of La Crosse.

This, in brief, is the history of the Tribune so far as the lighting and power situation is concerned. It has accomplished other things, and will continue to do so. It's reward has been a liberal home support, and that pleasure that comes with winning a good fight. It will be ever on the side of the people and against the unjust demands of the public service corporations.

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THE STALKING GHOST OF JOHN BARLOW

Did I not know that John Barlow had no living relatives, and that there can possibly be no one living who knew him I would not write this story. What I'm about to tell is the only authentic story of John Barlow's ghost, known to few, yet seen by many.

It was in the year 1848, the same year that Wisconsin was admitted to the union that Barlow with his wife and one child came to La Crosse from the East and established himself here. He was about 45 years of age, when he bought the tract of land where West Ave. is located at the present, extending from what is now Market street, almost to State street and running east about 200 rods.

Barlow was the typical easterner. Unable to make a successful living in the east he had taken his small family, that is his wife and fifteen-year old daughter and removed to the west. He brought with him a team of horses and farm implements and decided to make a fortune out of his western farm.

The coming of Barlow to this district was hailed with joy by the residents here at that time. At La Crosse, then a small village on the banks of the Mississippi, the arrival of a stranger was hailed with as much joy as was the location of a saw mill in later years. Barlow's family was soon intimate with all of the families residing here and he was reputed to be a good honest farmer and a good companion, having a very fine education received in the east, and a hospitable nature derived from his English parents.

Barlow had not been a resident of Prairie La Crosse, as it was then called, very long, however, when his daughter was taken with diphtheria. She died after a month's lingering illness, and was followed a week later by Mrs. Barlow.

Misfortune overtook John Barlow himself in another way. Two successive seasons of crop failures used up the little pile he had left from the sale of his eastern lands and he was compelled to sell all of his land, with the exception of a small strip about where the corner of West Ave. and Cameron Ave. now is located.

As near as can be judged from the description which now exists only in memory, Barlow's hut stood very close to what is now the corner of these two avenues.

Here he was wont to sit and brood over his troubles, and his subsistence came mainly from what he received from his neighbors and a few vegetables which he managed to raise in his garden.

In this manner he eked out an existence for more than a year. Occasionally he received a letter and check from his father in England who was understood to have a large fortune. At these times he was not John Barlow, but assumed the role of a haughty Englishman, paying what he had borrowed and frequenting public places from which he had long been absent.

The residents of the village looked upon him as a peculiar eccentric being and few went to see him. He was almost forgotten until one day a messenger arrived on one of the river boats from St. Paul and inquired for him. He was entertained at one of the public inns for the evening and was then taken to Barlow's home by a riverman from the boat. The riverman was never seen again.

It was not until a week later that the few inhabitants of Prairie La Crosse chanced to think of Barlow's strange visitor. A delegation was then sent to the home but no one admitted them when they rapped. When they finally forced entrance to the cabin, a gruesome sight met their gaze. There outstretched upon the rude bunk which served as a bed lay the dead bodies of Barlow and the mysterious visitor, while a cot made of quilts on the floor was empty and looked as if it had not been occupied for more than a few minutes. The riverman was not there.

A murder had been committed. This was the conclusion of the crude coronor's inquest held, and the bodies were buried by the townsmen.

The day after the funeral a St. Paul steamer landed bearing mail. A headline in one of the St. Paul papers attracted the attention of the residents and explained the mystery. The headline read in large type "John Barlow gets a fortune." The story then told how John Barlow, a prodigal son of one Charles Barlow of West Chapel, Eng., had inherited ten thousand pounds, by the death of his father in the old country and a special messenger had passed through St. Paul a week before enroute to Barlow who was located at Prairie La Crosse.

From this article it was easily

gathered by the residents why the recluse had been murdered.

The same steamer that explained the mystery of the death of Barlow and the messenger carried the news of Barlow's death to the surrounding river towns, but the murderer was never apprehended.

Barlow's small truck farm was sold, but its subsequent occupants did not dwell there long. In fact it was only eight months before they disposed of the place.

The reason was said to be John Barlow's ghost. During the last fifty years it is claimed this peculiar tract of land, has been haunted by the same spectre. Appearing at about ten o'clock in the evening, it is seen slowly stalking up Cameron avenue. Going not quite to the corner the mysterious being seems to take a short cut to the other side of West avenue. Here it makes queer and mysterious noises there all is quiet and the apparition has disappeared.

For fifty years the ghost has frightened the residents in that neighborhood, many of whom can tell of its gruesome features, and strange garb. The scare has even gone so far as to necessitate calls of the police department.

Parties have organized and attempted to confront the spectre, but at such times the ghost has disappeared and they have been baffled. Last fall a party was organized composed largely of young men of the neighborhood. They saw the spectre at exactly the same time every night for several weeks. They saw it walk through the foundations of the new German Lutheran church then being laid and it proceeded over its usual course, walking on air.

It has been observed since. The same party watched frequently until the night that the cornerstone of the new church was laid. On this night it did not appear. Nor did it appear on the next night nor on the next.

The cornerstone of the German Lutheran church was laid just fifty years to a day after the murder of John Barlow, and exactly at the spot where fifty years before, had stood the original cottage in which John Barlow and his wife and child had died.

The ghost has not been seen since this time and residents in the vicinity hope that its period upon earth is at an end.

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The Fruit House was reorganized into the La Crosse baseball team in 1902 through the energy of Mr. Chris J. Burns and baseball has been kept alive until at present when the local baseball team was organized and the old players went into the Wisconsin state league.

Though none of the old players are on the new league team, nearly all are actively connected with the management and directorate of the league club and are guiding the business destinies of the organization.

THE HUMOR OF A COUNTRY CORRESPONDENT

Many humorists have made their reputation on "take offs" on the correspondence in rural papers. The banner correspondence in Wisconsin is to be found in the Osseo Recorder.

Following is a sample of the items from "Oak Valley":

OAK VALLEY.

As Golden Valley told me to wake up I will do so. But you mustn't think I've slept all the time since I was at the Dawson hall.

Andrew Berg is busy fixing up for his new barn.

Fred Steig had his old house moved Saturday and will soon start to build the new one.

Hans and John Skoyen were at Pigeon Friday.

Charlie M. Johnson visited at Olson's a week ago Sunday.

The basket social at Martin Lewis' was well attended.

How did you find it at the dance, boys?

Oscar O. L. you must take care another time when you follow the girls so the dog don't bite. I believe its name is "Catch," so if you say, "Shame Catch," you'll be safe.

The young peoples society held at Pigeon April 30 was well attended. The receipts were \$20.00.

Two girls from Pigeon visited the ball game at Sedahl's a week ago Sunday.

I want to tell the readers of the Recorder that Rikka is sick. So if anybody wants to see her they had better go, as she might die.

A new bird was seen in the valley a few days ago. Believe it's a sign of a dry summer.

I heard a kind of a dance Thursday night. I wonder if there was a place for one more in it? I both listened and looked boys.

Boys, don't whisper aloud when you follow the girls home. And when you come to two roads don't stand and spit dry, and think that you will follow that one or that one.

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Inga Skoyen was at Diseth's after butter Friday.

Say, O. T., now you must read the Recorder very carefully.

T. T. made a track up Oak Valley a week ago Sunday evening. Yes, it was only a Sunday track. Wonder what Albert Dahl thinks about that.

What do you use for a bait, N. T.?

Heart candy is it?

There is a girl who is soon going to the strawberry office and ye scribe thinks of going with her and with May baskets at the same time.

Oliver, Oliver, where are you wandering?

The Berg boys were out hanging May baskets last week.

The 17th of May will be celebrated on the John Larsen farm down by York, and they expect to have a fine time.

Ye scribe was at York last week. Mary Dahl is enjoying a visit from her cousin, Miss Nelson, from Eau Claire.

What is the matter with Beef River? Wake up; remember we are good friends. Hope to hear from you next week.

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One acre sown to alfalfa and irrigated, will produce 10,000 pounds of hay.

One acre in enclosed pasture, 500 pounds.

One acre of range averages 250 pounds. Or again:

One acre of irrigated alfalfa will feed one steer 400 days.

One acre of enclosed pasture will feed one steer 20 days.

One acre of average range will feed one steer 10 days.

Or putting it in the form of sheep, it will show as follows:

160 acres of irrigated alfalfa will maintain 1600 sheep one year.

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maintain 80 sheep one year.

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HISTORY OF BASEBALL IN LA CROSSE

From the "Oakwoods," an enrgetic little organization in the '70s to the best team in the Wisconsin State Baseball League, is the progress of La Crosse in the great national game.

The very first club of which there is any particular recollection, was the "Oakwoods," organized in the '70s. This team was then famous, but was not organized as were the latter clubs.

It is of special interest since the organization of the new Wisconsin League, that the first real organized baseball team in La Crosse came into existence in 1886, just nineteen years ago, and just one year before the organization of the Northwestern league, which was, sadly, a failure.

It was the first real baseball La Crosse had ever seen and the enthusiasm was rampant. The late W. A. Burns organized the Fruit House baseball club and the late Frank Cramer, at that time a salesman for Lloyd & Clark's wholesale hardware house, organized a team composed of employes of business houses on Front street.

First Fruit House Team

The men who composed the first Fruit House team were:

W. A. Burns,
John C. Burns,
P. J. Burns,
C. J. Burns,
Joe Lemon,
R. Cooper,
Edward Elder,
E. Bartl,
J. C. Hopkins.

John C. Burns, the well known wholesale fur man, played first base and is reputed to have been exceedingly "Handy" at the game.

Front Street Team

The Front Street team was composed of the following players:

Frank Cramer,
J. D. Becker,
Ed. Nyhus,
Joseph Grigg,
H. H. Grigg,
Will Holmes,
Fred Techmer,
Matt Rawson,
Dan Slattery.

Were Hard Practicers

These two teams played on the open lot near where Gund's brewery is located and every evening practiced until dusk overtook them, on the mar-

ket square. The enthusiasm was great and large crowds gathered both at practice and at the regular games.

Burns' Baseball Club

The next year, 1887, the first league team was organized. The Burns' baseball club was organized to take the place of the Front Street team. They came out with the following lineup, with Jake D. Becker as manager:

C. S. Van Auken,
Thomas Haslett,
Bert Scott,
Ed. Nyhus,
J. C. Hopkins,
Fred Techmer,
Dan Slattery,
Jack Slattery,
Will Techmer,
Rudy Englestad,
Charles Thorbus.

First Admission

When the league team was out on its trips the Fruit House team and Burns' team played in the local park and put up a good article of ball. Meanwhile the league team disbanded and the next year W. A. Burns and J. D. Becker purchased the grand stand, fence, etc. As the teams were giving a good exhibition admission was charged all those who wished to see home talent baseball.

Volunteer Firemen's Team

At this time the volunteer firemen of the Central fire station organized a team and during one of Mr. Burn's visits to the station a game was asked with the "big" team.

The challenge was accepted and a side bet of \$25 was posted.

The game came off and was a "red hot" game for fair. Tom Copping pitched the game of his life for the Fruit House team against James Hill, former assistant city engineer, who was one of the speediest pitchers La Crosse ever produced. A Mr. "Pickles" of La Crescent, connected with a canning factory there, umpired the game, or rather attempted to do so. He was so utterly "fussed" that he could not give a decision during the progress of the game.

The firemen won by a close score, but the feeling was so high over the game that this ended the career of the fire department team.

Browns and Fruiters

Among the notable baseball or-

ganizations of baseball history in La Crosse was the "Browns". This team continued to play the Fruit House until the city league was formed in

1898-99, with the following teams:

Fruit House,
Morris & Co.
Allertons—Goose town.
Diamonds.

The old green with orange trimmings—the color of the old Fruit House team—won the pennant both years. There is not a man today who was a player during the existence of the old Fruit House team who did not don the green suit and help make them winners.

The Fruit House was reorganized into the La Crosse baseball team in 1902 through the energy of Mr. Chris J. Burns and baseball has been kept alive until at present when the local baseball team was organized and the old players went into the Wisconsin state league.

Though none of the old players are on the new league team, nearly all are actively connected with the management and directorate of the league club and are guiding the business destinies of the organization.

THE HUMOR OF A COUNTRY CORRESPONDENT

Many humorists have made their reputation on "take offs" on the correspondence in rural papers. The banner correspondence in Wisconsin is to be found in the Osseo Recorder.

\$15,000 Shoe Stock

This Mammoth Sale Opened Saturday and the Way We Are Selling Shoes shows the Genuine Bargains we are Offering.

We will not burden you with a long descriptive outline of the stock. Enough said is that this is to be a LEGITIMATE entire Closing Out Sale as I am going to follow other lines of business and must close out my Shoe Stock At Once.

Women's and Children's Special Bargains.

600 pair Queen Quality Ladies' shoes, finest Vici and French Kids, patent kid and colt shoe, bargain at \$3.00, now only.....	\$2.38
Say, do you want a nice looking, good wearing Kid or patent leather shoe? If so, see our \$3.00 line at.....	\$2.28
Two Hundred pairs extra fine \$2.00 shoes for Women and Girls, clearing up price, only.....	\$1.69
You ladies who have been wearing our \$1.75 shoes know their wearing qualities. You can now take them home. Style, plain toes, patent tipped kid stock and the never wear out kind box calf and velours—all your choice now only.....	\$1.33
I am going to clean out my new spring Oxfords, the latest styles no old ones in the lot of 375 pairs. Remember the hot days are coming, now secure ease and comfort at my LOSS.	
600 pair Misses' \$2.00 shoes, the best school shoe made, now only.....	\$1.58
100 pair ladies' Sandals, one, two and three straps, yours for.....	98c
300 Pair Children's shoes, 8 to 12 size, only.....	94c
Carpet Slippers, a home comfort for men and women only.....	17c
Baby Shoes, nicely finished and good quality, only.....	48c

Regular Price.

\$3.50
\$3.00
\$2.50
\$2.00
\$1.75
\$1.50

Special Price.

\$2.79
\$2.28
\$1.88
\$1.69
\$1.33
\$1.19

Shoes now only

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This includes the entire stock recently purchased from the Royal Shoe store which consists of such well known lines as the Stacy, Adams & Co., and King Quality Shoe for men and Queen Quality shoe for women; and many other equally as well known and popular lines, combined with my new and complete line will give you a chance of a lifetime to secure foot-wear at **LESS THAN THE MANUFACTURERS' FIRST COST.**

Men's, Boy's and Youth's Specials.

300 Pair Stacy Adams fine men's shoes in box calf, French vici kid, velour calf, patent colt and kid skins \$5.00 and 6.00 the regular price, now only at.....	\$3.98
500 pair best Union made shoes for Men and Boys, nice lookers, guaranteed to be as good as the name they carry which is The John Mitchell Shoe made in box and velour calf, or vici kid, the regular Union price \$2.50 Closing out price.....	\$2.17
200 pair of the best working shoes ever sold in the city at \$2.00, Mr. Worker, yours for only.....	\$1.63
125 pair best Plow Shoes, Kangaroo Kip and heavy waterproof, oil grain stock, come in and take home a years' supply at per pair.....	\$1.37
Mothers—We have a large supply of the strongest, toughest, best wearing school shoes for the good and bad boys, nice lookers, but hard wearers, the boy will be proud of them, come early only 96 pairs left, size 2½ to 5½, at.....	\$1.28
175 pair Youth's shoes, box calf and Kid stock, double soles, size 12 to 2, closing out sale only at.....	98c

And Many Other Bargains. Come in and Look Around.

Come Early and bring Mother, Father, Brother and Sister as we have Shoes for the Old and Young. Remember The Place

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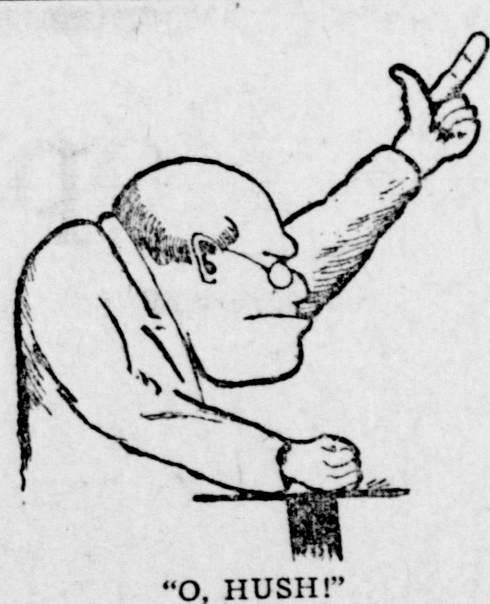
The City Printing Fight

A Remarkable Story of the Plundering of a City

Considerable interest has been created by the incident that occurred in the council meeting last Friday evening, in which it developed that through an error in the publication of the advertisement for bids for the city printing for the ensuing year, all papers excepting The Chronicle and the Leader-Press were barred from bidding, thus enabling those two trust organs to continue in operation their conspiracy for holding up the city.

The laws of 1889 contained a clause restricting the bids to papers that are at least two years old and that are printed in the English language. There are a number of strong German communities in the state and in some of them the leading papers are printed in the German language. Owing to this fact the state legislature in 1895 amended the law governing official papers so that it now provides that the public printing must be done in English, but that no paper two years old is barred because not printed in English. In other words, the public printing must be done in English, although the paper in which it appears may be printed in German or other language.

being his interpretation of the law. Whether Mr. Mahoney meant to say to the council, as his words implied, that he would command them to accept the bid of the Leader-Press, cannot be said. There are a number of members who took the position that he was going beyond the bounds of his official duty in thus anticipating



events and directing legislation; they hold that he is not a member of the council nor a legislative officer, and that his duty is to give legal advice when it is asked for. However, he may be able to dictate to the council.

A NOTORIOUS CONSPIRACY.

The feeling in the matter is the outgrowth of a remarkable piece of trickiness on the part of certain newspapers.

It is a notorious fact that the city is being made to pay an excessive amount for city printing as the result of a conspiracy by which the Chronicle and the Leader-Press, the only eligible ENGLISH papers, have agreed to enter but one bid for the work fixing the price at the legal limit and above a reasonable profit, two to share the profits of the trans-

action. This conspiracy was formed in 1902, and has been maintained since that time. To illustrate: in 1901 the Republican & Leader secured the contract in competition with the Chronicle and the Daily Press, at 15 cents per folio for council proceedings and 12 cents for advertising. The expense to the city during that year, by months and total, was as follows:

July	\$54.00
August	69.30
September	15.30
October	29.08
November .....	.....
December	36.95
January .....	.....
February	31.73
March .....	.....
April	129.36
May	573.10
June	20.00

Total

The next year the conspiracy was entered into, the bid was made as high as the law permits, and the city paid the Chronicle, to be divided with the other papers, the total sum for printing of \$1,598.85, an increase of approximately 40 per cent. This condition has been maintained by the papers with increased expense to the city, and during the year just past the city has paid the Leader-Press for city printing the following:

June	\$ 67.35
July	189.60
August	151.05
September	110.00
October	90.90
November	141.35
December	29.60
January (1905)	54.05
February	93.98
March	176.45
April	351.65
May (estimated)	600.00

Total

The estimate of May's bill will be found to be approximately correct. The showing is that the cost of public printing has doubled as the result of this notorious conspiracy, and that the taxpayers are suffering loss as a result. Had not the amount of printing been cut down, the cost to the city would have been multiplied by 4.

TO CONTINUE HOLD-UP

There was no change in the program this year. The Chronicle entered no bid. The Leader-Press put in its bids, asking the full compensation allowed by the law. It was the old game by which, for its work, the Leader-Press was to take 15 cents per folio, the balance of 45 cents per folio to be divided between The Chronicle and the Leader-Press. A glance at the figures of 1901, the last year in which there was competition, at which time the city printing was done for 15 cents per folio, shows the extent of the steal, and explains the feeling of the aldermen. The council had expected that Mr. Mahoney would be cautious as to the law, but had hoped that he would assume an attitude of friendliness toward the move to get some kind of a square deal on the printing, and there was general dissatisfaction and disapproval when he showed that he was aggressively engaged in digging up law that would sustain his humor to maintain that it must be given to the public service corporation papers at the hold-up price. His attitude is in line with two other instances that have attracted attention, and explains why Mr. Car-gill approved his selection as city attorney in preference to Mr. W. F. Wolfe.

A LAWYER'S ADVICE.

In presenting his argument Alderman Downs was prepared with the following statement of the law, made by a leading attorney.

"The law, sec. 925-45a, revised statutes, says that the city clerk shall publish notice to publishers as follows: 'For proposals to do the advertising for said city in the English language for the next ensuing year,' and further that, 'such advertisement shall invite separate bids for the advertising required, and for publishing such proceedings, FROM ALL DAILY NEWSPAPERS published regularly in said city for at least two conse-

secutive years next prior to the date of the bids, if two or more such papers are published therein,' and that 'no bids either of such work shall be considered by said clerk except from a newspaper that has been so published.'

"That is the text of the law so far as it applies to the case in hand. The special requirements, and all of them, then are:

"(1) Notice to be published IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

"(2) Paper must have been published at least two years.

"These are the only requirements, but the city clerk in his notice for 1905 says:

"No bids for either kind of work will be considered by said clerk unless made by the publisher of a daily newspaper that has been published IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE regularly in said city for at least two consecutive years immediately preceding the date of said bid."

"The notice is outside the requirement of the law and rejects in advance what might have been lawful bids.

"Because the notice published is not according to the statutes, no bids under the notice should be considered, but the clerk should be required to publish a notice as directed by the council and according to law."

A DISHONEST CLAIM.

Recounting the incident in its report of the council proceedings last Saturday, the Leader-Press said:

"The clerk read the bid of the Leader-Press offering to do the city printing at the regular rate as provided by law. This being the only bid received, caused Alderman Downs to introduce a resolution asking that the city clerk readvertise for bids. The city attorney was asked for an opinion and he said the council was obliged, under the law, to accept the bid as long as it was within the rate provided by the statute. The matter was laid over until an adjourned meeting to be held May 19."

This is misleading, as it is intended to be. If a fixed legal rate were made by law, there would be no necessity of any bids. The council in that case would simply name the paper. The law intends that the taxpayers shall have the protection of competition,

but it has fixed a legal limit to the amount to be charged above which no bidder can legally go, and no bids above that amount can be considered by the council. The limit established is 60 cents per folio for first insertions, and 35 for second insertions. The legislature was obliged to adopt these figures away above a reasonable price as the limit, in order to make allowance for fluctuation in the cost of production and to provide for extraordinary cases. The figures are regarded by the legislature as the highest that may under any circumstances be justified, and by far higher than should be charged under ordinary conditions, and it so made the law that the people will be protected against any bids in excess of that amount by forbidding city councils to consider them. The law looks to competition for protection of the people against over charging, but by their conspiracy the Chronicle and Leader-Press have deprived the taxpayers of this protection designed by the legislature. This is shown plainly enough by the fact that it cost the city 15 cents per folio to get its printing done before the conspiracy was entered into, and 60 cents per folio for every folio that has been printed since that time.

THEY ARE VERY WARM.

There is strong feeling in regard to the affair, and unless Mr. Mahoney shows a friendly spirit toward the plan of the council to save the city and its taxpayers \$1,000 a year on the city printing, and unless he makes a bona fide effort to find some way in which this may be accomplished, his stand in the matter will be remembered with grave disapproval. The matter will come up for final determination at an adjourned meeting of the council next Friday.

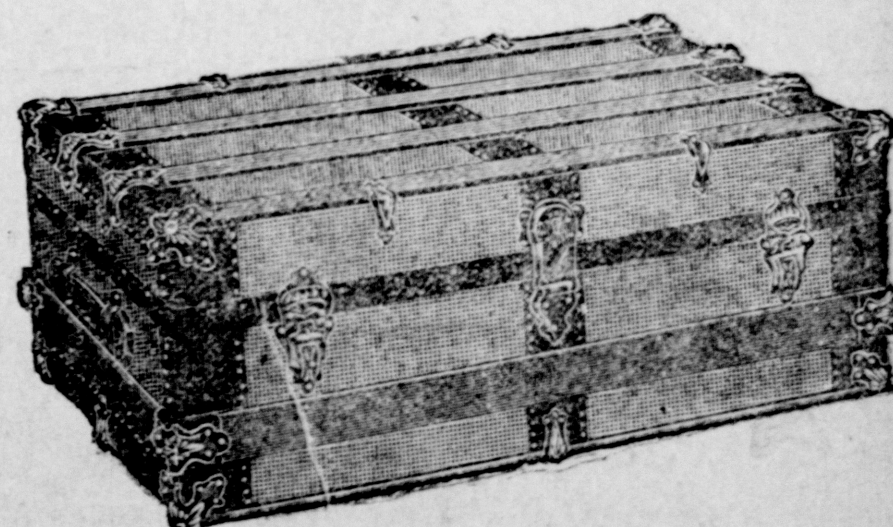
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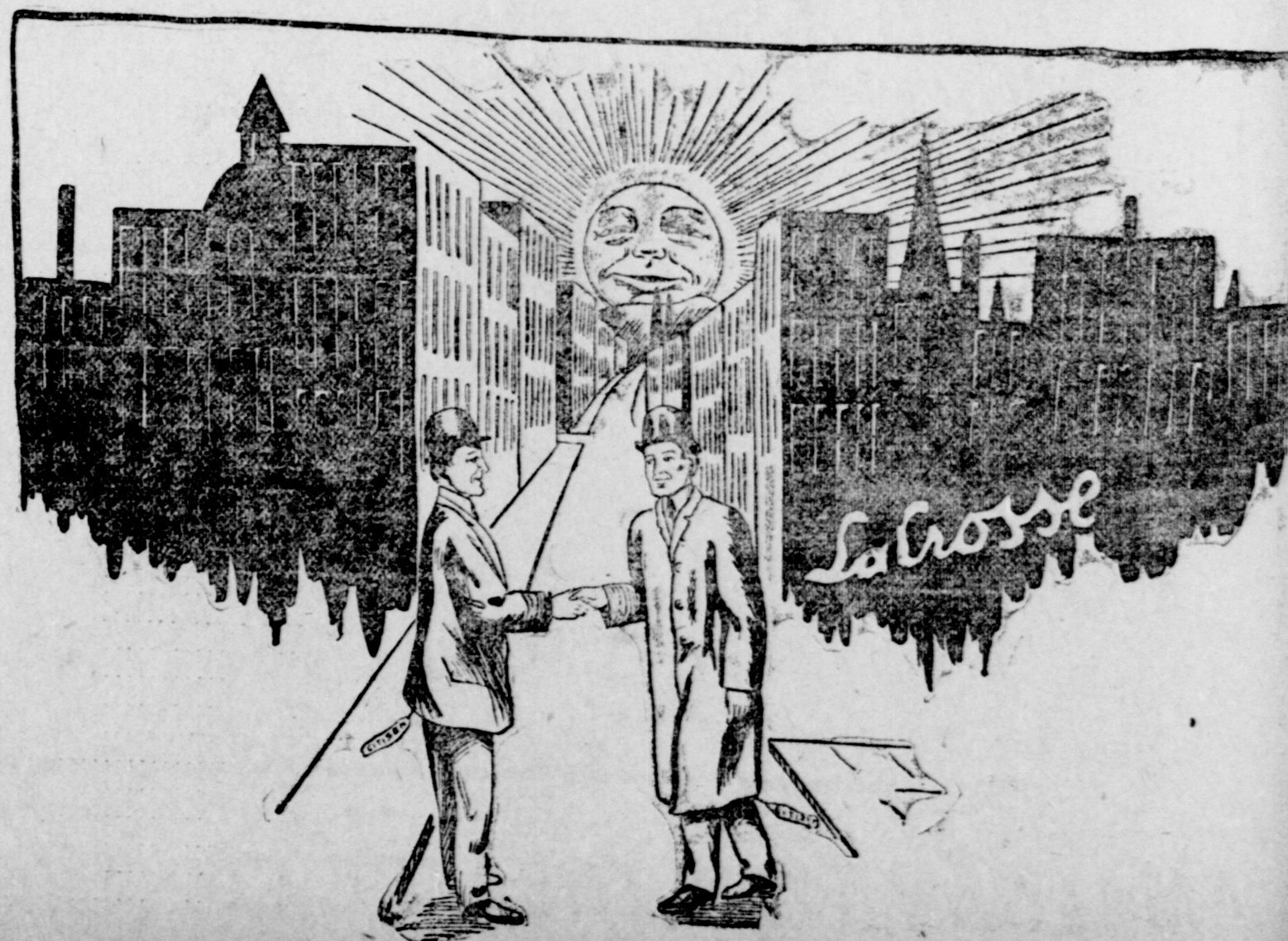
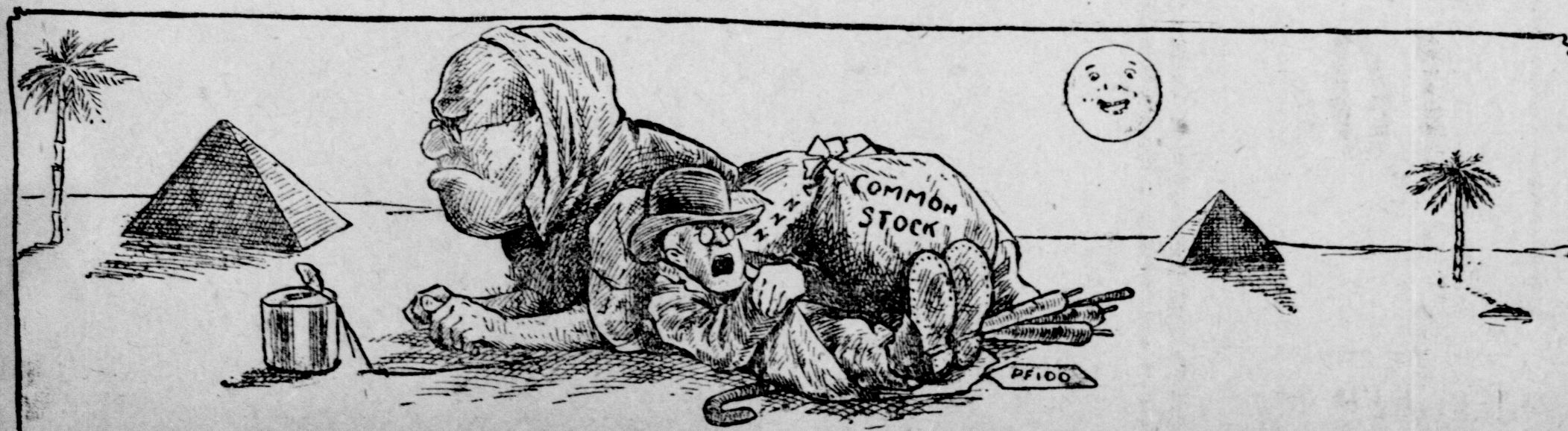
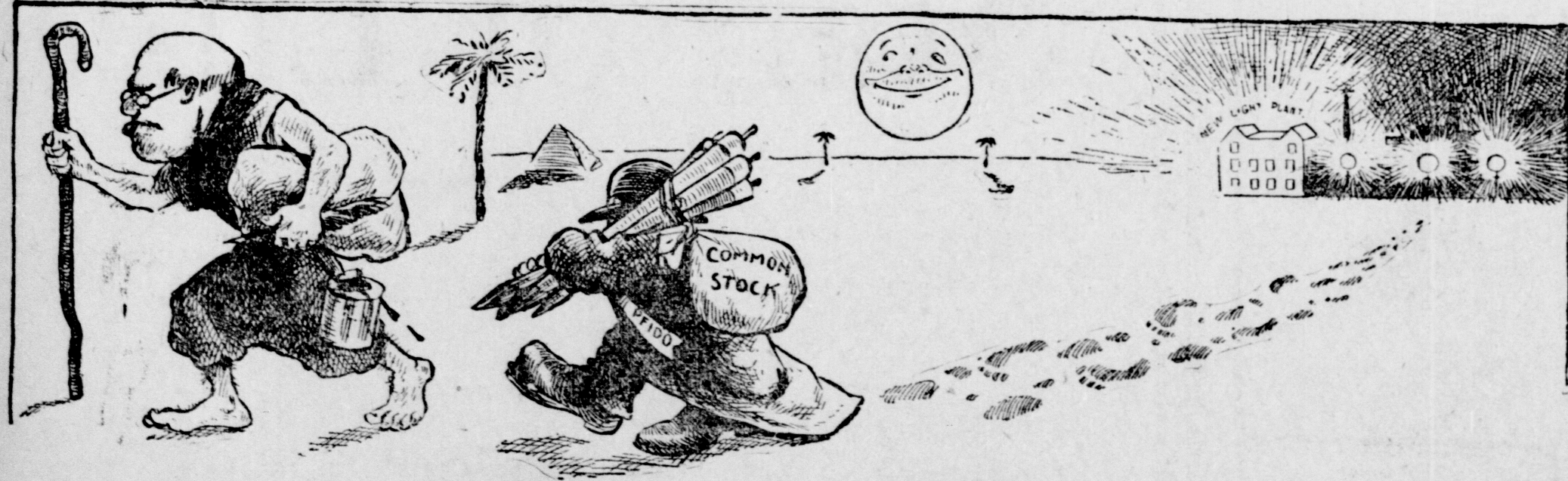
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CONGRESSMAN ESCH ON THE VALUE OF FISH COMMISSION

WORK BEING DONE BY THIS BRANCH OF GOVT. OF VAST IMPORTANCE

Replenishes Streams Which Would Other- wise be "Dry"

"Few people realize," casually remarked Congressman John J. Esch the other day, when discussing the new fisheries station soon to be located here, "what a great thing the government fish commission and Uncle Sam are doing for our country by instituting these stations and hatcheries throughout the United States."

The United States fish commission was created by an act of congress of 1870, and is headed by the commissioner of fish and fisheries, with an assistant commissioner. Among its duties are the collecting of statistics of fisheries in the country, investigating the life histories and foods of fish, and the conducting of experiments.

Added to these duties the department has to keep posted on the different kinds of fresh water fish throughout the union, but is in most cases aided in the preservation, hatching and distribution of these by the fisheries departments of the different states.

The commission is aided by the legislatures of the states, who make laws governing the catching of fish and but for this fact many of our streams would have been fished dry long ago. Under the protection thus afforded, however, the commission is enabled to keep the streams stocked with fish, and protect the spawn and fry until they grow of a size able to protect themselves.

The full value of the work of the United States fish commission can hardly be estimated by the uninitiated. The commission now carries out its work over every part of the United States, and by it are employed thou-

sands of men, who are educated to this special business, and who make the care of fish their profession. It is said by the department, that the total commercial value of the fish caught by residents after being protected by the commission until they are of a proper size, exceeds the cost by about 1,000 per cent and that the value of the work is steadily rising.

The fish commission now has built for its own use, five special cars, fitted with tanks and aquariums, air-pumps, water, jars and all of the necessary apparatus for the preservation of the fry, and these cars are kept constantly on the road, in the charge of competent officials who have been in the employ of the commission for many years.

With each car millions of fry are "planted," that is distributed, every year, and it is now contemplated to increase the number of cars, so as to better provide for the Pacific coast streams.

In 1901, 32 different species of fish were propagated at the 37 different hatcheries of the commission and the actual number of 1,173,833,462 eggs were hatched and the fry planted in the waters of streams scattered from the Atlantic to the Pacific. In distributing these fish the government fish cars traveled 103,982 miles and messengers detached with small amounts traveled 200,473 miles in addition.

Besides the work of hatching and distributing fish, the commission, has of later years begun to devote a deal of time and expense to the preservation of fish.

Every year, when the high water in the rivers and creeks, especially in the Mississippi basin, recedes, the small bayous and sloughs are left full of fish of different varieties, without any means of escape.

In former years fish thus left to die, were not paid much attention to

by the department, but of late, there have been more men employed in the preservation department than by the actual hatching department.

Regular officials of the fisheries department, now make the rounds of the larger streams every spring, and stations are being established along all of the larger rivers, for the taking up of fish so stranded, and distributing them among fresh water streams. One of these stations is now to be established at this city.

Few people who during the summer months, spend any time on this beautiful stream have not noticed how peculiarly the river is on either side divided off into sloughs and bayous, which are dammed off by the government at their upper end, and come to an abrupt end at the other terminus.

These are the places where up to this time, thousands of fish have been shut up and left to die every year. They come in with the high water which flows over the dams in the spring, and as the water recedes and the dams are closed up cannot escape. The water gradually becomes stagnant, and eventually the fish die for want of moving fresh water.

The government has already established numerous substations along the larger rivers and streams for the collection and reclaiming of these fish, and the one which is now being established at this city, will cover the entire Mississippi district between La Crosse and St. Paul.

Although it has been the plan of the commission to establish this station for some time, the credit for its location in La Crosse largely belongs to Congressman John J. Esch of this city. It was he, who first brought to the notice of the officials the advantages afforded by this city in the way of shipping facilities, harbor facilities and other things and it was through his influence with the department, the station was located at La Crosse, instead of at Winona, or some smaller up river town.

A building will soon be erected here, which will contain enough tanks to hold 500,000 fish. The tanks will be connected with the La Crosse water service, and the fry will be preserved here and distributed over the state streams, as fast as they are of a size to properly care for themselves.

Few who have enjoyed the pleasure of trout or bass fishing in some well stocked stream, but what realize



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are the kind to buy. They are made right up-to-the-minute in style, and the quality and finish is the very best.

If a man looks only at the material and not at the make and finish, we will not stand much show of selling, but when a man wants nice fitting, well made clothes, ours are the kind. The fancy Suits we buy only one and two of a kind, and in this way our Suits are more exclusive. Shoulders are wide, and lapels are also wider than formerly. The coats are cut longer than last season. The collars in our better grades are hand felled at top and bottom, and the linings are of the best. We show a splendid line of Suits at ten and twelve-fifty but our main lines range in price from—

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Let us have the pleasure of showing you through our line of Suits. You will surely find what you want and we will surely discover a new customer.

Some Swell New Coat Shirts,
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\$1.50

Bathing Suits, Good Values, as
Low as

50c

An Elegant New Line of Wind-
sor Ties at

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Ladies' Caps for Outing,
50c and

\$1.00

A Fine Line of Union Suits,
Special Values at

\$1.50

Paragon Trousers, The Best in
The World. Good Ones at

\$5.00

what a vast benefit this station at La Crosse will be to Wisconsin sportsmen. When it is considered that millions of game fish perish annually in the bayous of the Mississippi in this vicinity, and that they now will be saved and transferred to the open river, or other running streams the advantages can be better comprehended.

The station will also have advantages for the city. Ten men will be permanently employed from the start to pick up and distribute fish, and more will be added as the work of the substation increases. The govern-

ment fish car which is assigned to this district will make frequent stops at this city and a special steam launch manned by six men will be assigned to the station, whose duty it will be to collect the fish.

With the launch will be several boats, which are to be used in making the collections. These boats are kept out constantly collecting fry, and each is manned by two men who are known as "spawn takers." They will go out armed with nets and seines, and will clear the fish out of all the bayous as soon as the receding waters cut off these from the

main stream.

Actual hatching and cultivation of fish fry will not be carried on at this station as many believe, as this work is left to the large hatcheries which are equipped with apparatus for this purpose. The local station will not deal especially with any one kind of fish but will preserve every useful fish without regard to its class.

It is said however by parties posted on the work of the commission that a distribution and collection station usually precedes a United States fish hatchery, and that there are hopes

of La Crosse at some future date securing one of these provided the work of the collection station indicates that such an institution could do good work here and spawn could be taken from the Mississippi and adjacent streams which would warrant the commission in establishing such a hatchery.

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Staff of Life

La Crosse, Wis., May 6, 1905.
Chas. Vollner:
Dear Sir—Staff of Life is the best tobacco to my taste of any tobacco I have chewed.

Col. J. E. Kircheis.

Chas. Vollner:
Dear Sir—Staff of Life gives me more life than Horseshoe.

Jos. Raith,
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Chas. Vollner:
Dear Sir This tobacco is O. K. I like it better than Horseshoe.

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Yard Superintendent of the Gund Brewing Company.

Chas. Vollner

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STATE UNIVERSITY EXPERIMENT STATION

REPORTS ON IMPORTANT INVESTIGATION.

MADISON, Wis., May 15.—The result of the experiments in tobacco raising, carried on during the past two years by the University of Wisconsin Experiment Station indicate great possibilities in the way of improving the quality of Wisconsin tobacco. Since Wisconsin is one of the leading tobacco growing states in the Union and is annually producing a crop estimated at over \$4,000,000, successful efforts to improve this tobacco product will prove of great value to the state. For nearly half a century this industry has been developing slowly but steadily, practically without state aid. While great progress has been made by the individual grower in producing high grade tobacco, there have been a number of unsolved problems which vitally concern the future of tobacco growing in this state. It was with the purpose of investigating these problems that the State University Experiment Station was granted by the last legislature, \$3,000 for two years, and with this appropriation has been conducting the investigations, the first results of which are now being published.

Object of the Experiments

After numerous inquiries as to the status of tobacco growing industry, and after consulting with growers and dealers, Prof. E. G. Sandsten of the department of horticulture of the college of agriculture decided to undertake several lines of investigation, the purpose of which were as follows: First, to improve Wisconsin tobacco seed so as to increase the yield, and improve the quality and early maturity of the tobacco; Second to carry on a series of experiments with different commercial fertilizers in various counties of the state, and to study the effect of these fertilizers upon the burning quality of the leaf; Third, to test the value of cover crops in connection with the growing of tobacco; and Fourth, to ascertain the adaptability of Wisconsin soils and climate for the production of shade-grown Sumatra tobacco with special reference to the cost of production and quality of the product.

Improvement of the Seed

The most serious complaint against Wisconsin tobacco by buyers is its lack of uniformity. This is due to the fact that a number of varieties or strains of tobacco are grown producing a mixed lot varying greatly in quality and tobacco. The state affairs

is detrimental financially, both to the grower and to the dealer. The need of selecting a pure strain of tobacco seed that would produce a satisfactory yield to the grower and a desirable quality for the buyer was at once apparent. After looking about for some time for a variety that would nearest fulfill the requirements for a typical Wisconsin tobacco, and after consulting with several of the leading tobacco dealers, a pure strain of Connecticut Havana was procured to plant one acre. Just before blooming time the field was carefully gone over and more than one half of the plants that did not come up to the standard were destroyed, leaving only those plants presenting the highest type to mature their seed. About seventy pounds of tobacco seed was harvested from this field, the greater part of which seed was put up in two and three-ounce packages and distributed by the University Station to the tobacco growers in various sections of the state for trial, free of charge. The reports received from these growers last fall were very gratifying and the expectations entertained in regard to this seed by the University Experiment Station were fully realized.

Increases Value of Crops

During the past season the work of improving the seed has been continued and two acres were planted from this seed, one acre in Rock county and one in Crawford county. The seed from these two acres was harvested under very favorable conditions; it has been thoroughly tested for quality and germinating power, and is being rapidly distributed among tobacco growers for the coming season. It is the aim of the Experiment Station to bring the seed to the notice of every tobacco grower in the state and to give them an opportunity to test it under their own conditions. If this strain of tobacco seed should prove acceptable to the growers of the state, as well as to the buyers, it would greatly increase the value of the crop and help to establish a higher reputation for Wisconsin tobacco outside of the state.

Originating New Varieties of Tobacco

During the last season twenty-five varieties of tobacco were grown at the experiment station to study the various types of tobacco for breeding purposes. Over twenty-five crosses between these different varieties were made and the seeds saved for planting

the coming year. This work was undertaken with the idea of producing if possible, by pure breeding and selection, a new variety or varieties of tobacco that would further increase the yield and improve the quality. Professor Sandsten believes that we have not yet found an ideal variety of tobacco for Wisconsin.

Fertilizers and Burning Quality

The principal reason why Wisconsin tobacco has attained such high reputation for burning quality is undoubtedly due to the presence of the large amounts of humus, or vegetable matter, in the soil. When the humus becomes exhausted, the tobacco leaves begin to lose many of their desirable qualities, especially their burning quality. During the last year experiments were conducted in several parts of the state with commercial fertilizers on small areas to test their effect upon the burning quality of the leaf. The result of these experiments go to show that potash when used in large quantities on land poor in humus, does affect the burning quality. Nitrogen in the form of nitrate of soda seems to have little or no detrimental effect. The same is true with phosphoric acid. On land fairly rich in humus a liberal application of these fertilizers has shown no injurious effect upon the burning quality. If the use of commercial fertilizers becomes a necessity, as it undoubtedly will in the future, these facts are of great importance. No evil results should be experienced if the growers adopt some system of rotation or the use of a cover crop since these methods would supply the soil with sufficient humus to produce a good crop. There is no doubt but that land given up to tobacco growing for a number of years with the use of commercial fertilizers, and without any addition of barnyard manure, will produce a tobacco that is inferior in burning quality. The Wisconsin growers have not as yet experienced any bad results from this practice, since ordinarily our lands are rich in humus, and commercial fertilizers have been used only to a very limited extent, but with the increased acreage for production and with a more equal distribution of barn yard manure to the other farm crops, the tendency will be towards the use of commercial fertilizers on a larger scale.

Find Vaulable Cover Crop

In planning tobacco experiments it occurred to Prof. Sandsten that cover crops might be used as a means of partially maintaining the fertility of the tobacco lands and improving the physical condition of the soil. With this end in view cover crop experiments were started at each place where fertilizer experiments were being carried on. The crop used for this purpose was a hairy vetch, a plant belonging to the legume family and perfectly hardy. It was sown the last week in July at the time when the tobacco plants were cultivated for the last time, and an examination of the fields in November of this year showed that the vetch had completely covered the soil where the tobacco stood. Being hardy the plant will keep on growing until stopped by a heavy frost and, after remaining green during the entire winter, will start to grow again in the early spring, forming a dense mat of green herbage, which can be plowed under in time to use the crop for another tobacco crop. Not only does this plant furnish protection for the soil during the winter and yield a large amount of vegetable matter, thus improving the physical condition of the soil; but like other legumes, it is capable of assimilating atmospheric nitrogen, by the aid of bacteria which live on the root, and which make it available for the plant, thus being a soil improver and fertilizer at the same time. If this experiment should prove a success, it will be a means by which the tobacco grower can supply a large portion of nitrogen that is needed by this crop in a very inexpensive way.

Sumatra Tobacco Under Cover

In order to study the adaptability of Wisconsin soil and climate for the production of shade-grown Sumatra tobacco, arrangements were made in the spring of 1903 with Mr. S. B. Hedges at Janesville, to carry on some experiments on his two acre plantation of shade-grown Sumatra. The work was in charge of Prof. Sandsten, and an assistant was stationed with Mr. Hedges to aid in the work of growing the crop and to keep a detailed account of the work. The Sumatra tobacco was grown under a huge tent with sloping sides. The cloth is very thin, permitting the air, rain and sunshine to pass through it freely. Cedar posts were used in the construction of this tent and framework was put as straight and stable as possible. This shade-grown tobacco received most thorough cultivation and care, and each plant was given individual attention. The plant grew to a height of nine to ten feet and filed the tent completely, often pushing the cloth upwards.

The development of this shade-grown Sumatra industry in Wisconsin will depend, of course, upon the market and the price obtained for the product. The shade-grown Sumatra tobacco raised in these experiments sold for from \$2 to 50 cents a pound, thus averaging a little less than \$1.25 a pound. The total yield after fermentation from two acres for two years was 4,424 pounds. The entire cost of constructing the tent and of cultivating the two acres during the two years was \$3,395.03, and the price received for the tobacco was \$5,076.30, leaving a net profit of \$1,681.27. This would make an annual net profit of \$420.32 an acre.

During the last year one-sixth of an acre was devoted to shade-grown

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